

# FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2015



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# Fingal LECP

Local Economic and Community Plan



Dublin Rural  
**LEADER**  
*Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion*



**Social Inclusion &  
Community Activation  
Programme**



**Comhairle Contae  
Fhine Gall**  
Fingal County  
Council



## 1.0 Legislative requirements

Section 49A of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, provides for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees for the purposes of: *“Developing, co-ordinating and implementing a coherent and Integrated approach to local and community development”*.

This report has been prepared in the context of Chapter 2, Section 128B (1)(i) Local Government Act 2001, as Inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which states that one of the functions of a Local Community Development Committee is: *“to prepare, adopt and submit to the local authority a report in relation to the performance of its functions during the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submitted”*.



## 2.0 Supports

In accordance with Section 128A of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Chief Executive has designated, Mr. Breffni O'Rourke, LCDC, Chief Officer. The Chief Officer's primary role is to support the development of the LCDC in line with national policy requirements and to support the committee in the implementation of its role and functions. Administrative supports are provided by the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Department (EETD) of Fingal County Council.



### 3.0 Functions

Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001 (inserted by Section 36 of the 2014 Act) sets out the functions of LCDCs as:

- ◆ To co-ordinate, 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).
- ◆ To seek to ensure effectiveness, consistency, co-ordination and avoidance of duplication between public funded local and community development programmes, in addition to public funded programmes.
- ◆ To pursue the co-ordination generally of all local and community development programmes within the functional area of the Committee.
- ◆ To prepare the community elements of a 5-year Local Economic and Community 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 and review on an on-going basis the implementation of the community elements of the Plan and, if appropriate, to revise the actions and strategies set.

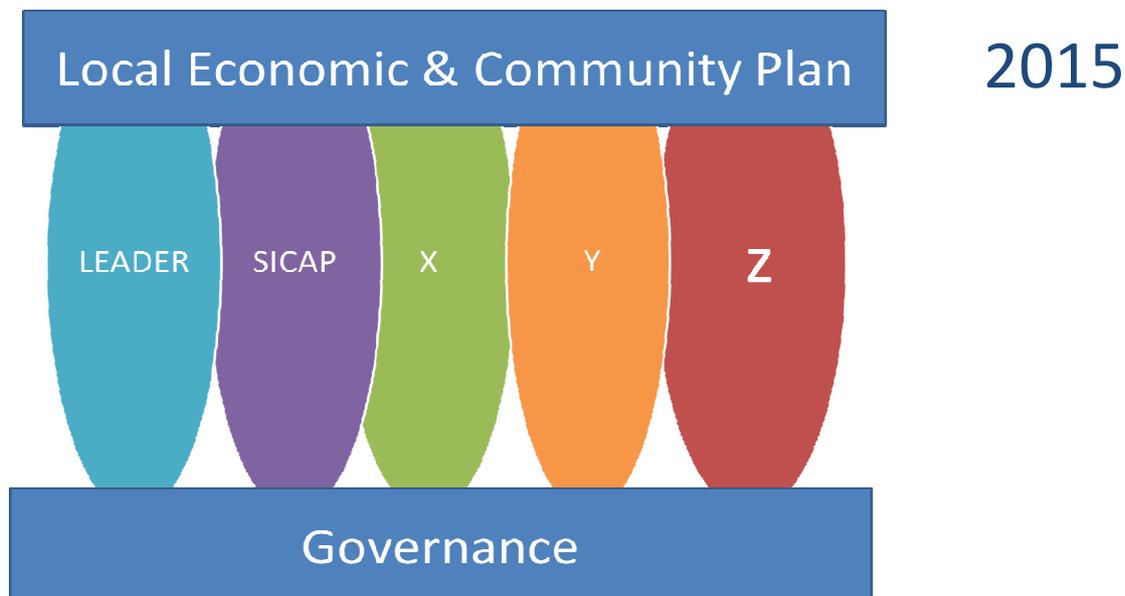


## 4.0 Overview of activity

LCDC activity has changed from start up in 2014 to oversight, development and programme management in 2015.

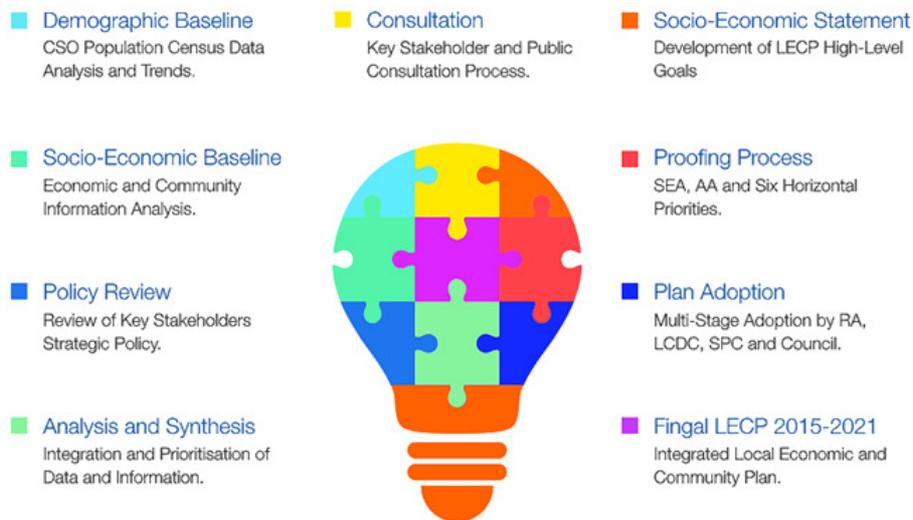


- In **2015** six meetings of the **LCDC** took place,
- **Four** meetings of the LCDC **SICAP** Oversight Committee
- **One** meeting of the **LEADER** Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG)
- **Three** meetings of the LEADER **Local Development Strategy** Sub Committee
- **Six** meetings of the **Local Economic & Community Plan** Advisory Steering group.



## 5.0 Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 - 2021

The LCDC had a key role in preparing the community elements of the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) as well as reviewing and commenting on the economic elements of the plan.



As part of the development of the LECP a socio-economic baseline and analysis was completed.



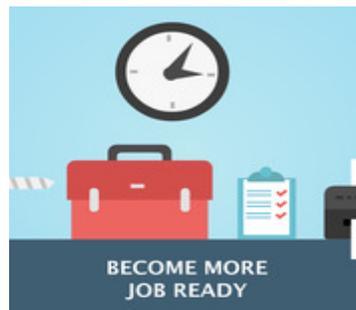
Following public consultation and engagement with key stakeholders, the LECP was formally adopted by Fingal County Council on December 14th 2015.



## 6.0 Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

Following a tendering process, Fingal LCDC awarded the contract for the delivery of SICAP in Fingal to Blanchardstown Area Partnership. The SICAP budget for the 9 months of 2015 was €899,593.

SICAP has **three** main goals :



English Language & Job Seeking course for Non-EU citizens,  
QQI Level 3 , Blanchardstown, SICAP.

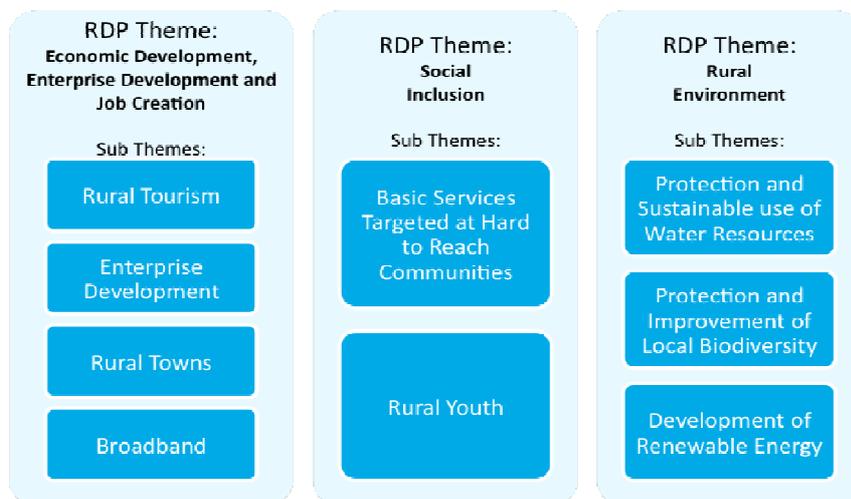


## 7.0 LEADER—Rural Development Programme

Fingal LCDC successfully submitted an expression of interest to be the Local Action Group (LAG) for the purposes of applying for Rural Development Programme (RDP) funding for the period 2016—2020 in the amount of €6,370,438.43.



The Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG) was formed in October, as a sub committee of the Fingal LCDC, comprising members of the South Dublin, Dún Laoghaire and Fingal LCDCs.



The LAG ratified the appointment of Fingal LEADER Partnership as the Programme Implementer responsible for preparing the Local Development Strategy (LDS) and administering the implementation of the LEADER—RDP on behalf of the Dublin Rural LAG in October.



## 8.0 Membership as of 31st December 2015



**Tony Murphy**

Local Authority Member  
Fingal County Council



**Oisín Geoghegan**

Local Enterprise Office  
Fingal County Council



**Brian McDonagh**

Local Authority Member  
Fingal County Council



**Pat O'Connor**

Institute of Technology  
Blanchardstown



**Siobhan Lawlor**

Department of Social Protection



**Natalie Treacy**

Local Authority Member  
Fingal County Council



**Ed Hearne**

Chief Executives Nominee  
Fingal County Council



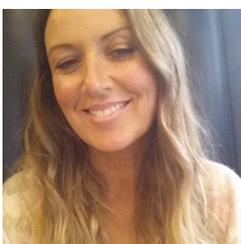
**Peter Foran**

Child & Family Agency TUSLA



**Anthony Brennan**

Community & Voluntary Interest  
Public Participation Network



**Brid Walsh**

Community Interest  
North Dublin Regional Drugs &  
Alcohol Task Force



**Jeff Murphy**

Community & Voluntary Interest  
Public Participation Network



**Maire O'Brien**

Environmental Interest  
Public Participation Network

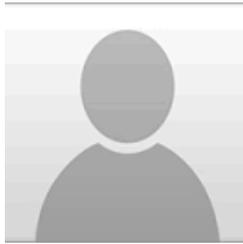


## 8.0 Membership as of 31st December 2015



**Terry McCabe**

Local Development  
Blanchardstown Area Partnership



**Alice Davis**

Social Inclusion Interest  
Public Participation Network



**Mary McKenna**

Local Development  
Fingal LEADER Partnership



Social Inclusion Interest  
Public Participation Network  
(Awaiting nominee)



**Tony Lambert**

Business & Employers  
Chambers Ireland



**Des O'Sullivan (Chairperson)**

Young People Interest  
Headstrong Jigsaw Fingal



**Padraic McMahon**

Farming and Agriculture  
Irish Farmers Association

The Chairperson and members of the LCDC regret  
the passing of fellow LCDC member, Olusola O Anwo,  
In Spring 2015, PPN, Social Inclusion Interest representative.



## 9.0 Record of attendance

### Fingal Local Community Development Committee meetings 2015

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>12. 02. 15</b>	(reflecting changes in LCDC membership after PPN elections and change of DSP nominee to LCDC) <b>NAME</b>	<b>05. 05. 15</b>	<b>18. 06. 15</b>	<b>14. 10. 15</b>	<b>25. 11. 15</b>	<b>15. 12. 15</b>
1	Ann Brophy	√	Anthony Brennan	√	√	√	√	√
2	Cllr. Duncan Smith	√	****Cllr. Duncan Smith	X	X	X	X	
3	Cllr. Natalie Treacy	X	Cllr. Natalie Treacy	√	X	√	√	√
4	Cllr. Tony Murphy	√	Cllr. Tony Murphy	√	√	√	√	√
5	Clodagh O'Donovan	√	Olusola O Anwo	√	RIP			
6	Desmond O'Sullivan	√	Desmond O'Sullivan	X	√	√	√	√
7	Ethna Felten	√	Ethna Felten ***	√	√			
8	Howard Mahony	√	Jeff Murphy	X	√	√	√	√
9	Jakub Jura-Zagac	√	Alice Davis	√	√	√	√	√
10	Linda Curran	√	Linda Curran **	√				
11	Maire O'Brien	√	Maire O'Brien	√	√	√	√	√
12	Oisin Geoghegan	√	Oisin Geoghegan	√	√	X	√	√
13	Padraic McMahon	√	Padraic McMahon	X	√	√	√	√
14	Pat O'Connor	√	Pat O'Connor	√	√	√	√	√
15	Paul Carroll	√	Siobhan Lawlor	√	√	√	X	X
16	Peter Foran	X	Peter Foran	√	X	√	√	√
17	Tony Lambert	√	Tony Lambert	√	X	X	√	X
18	Brid Walsh	√	Brid Walsh	√	X	√	√	√
19	Valerie Henderson	√	Valerie Henderson *	√	√			
18			Paul Smyth		√	√		
19			Terry McCabe		√	√	√	√
20			Mary McKenna				√	X
21			Ed Hearne				√	√
<b>Average percentage attendance for 2015= 84%</b>		<b>17/19 89%</b>		<b>15/19 79%</b>	<b>14/18 78%</b>	<b>15/17 88%</b>	<b>16/18 84%</b>	<b>14/17 82%</b>

Present	√
Apologies	X
Absent without apologies	O

\*Valerie Henderson was replaced by Mary McKenna

\*\* Linda Curran was replaced by Terry McCabe

\*\*\* Ethna Felten was replaced by Paul Smyth who was then replaced by Ed Hearne

\*\*\*\* Cllr. Duncan Smith Resigned on 25/11/2015 , Cllr. Brian McDonagh was nominated on 14.12.15 Council Meeting.



## 10.0 Dublin Rural Local Action Group members by category - 31/12/15

NAME	CATEGORY AND ORGANISATION
Tony Murphy	Local Authority Member, Fingal County Council.
Brian McDonagh	Local Authority Member, Fingal County Council.
Natalie Treacy	Local Authority Member, Fingal County Council.
Ed Hearne	Local Authority Official, Fingal County Council.
Oisin Geoghegan	Local Authority Official, Local Enterprise Office.
Pat O'Connor	State Agency, Blanchardstown Institute of Education.
Siobhan Lawlor	State Agency, Department of Social Protection.
Peter Foran	State Agency, Child & Family Agency TUSLA.
Billy Coman	Local Authority Official, South Dublin County Council.
Paula Donavan	Local Authority Official, South Dublin County Council.
Peter O'Brien	Local Authority Member, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
Anthony Brennan	Community Voluntary Interest, Public Participation Network.
Brid Walsh	Community Interest, North Dublin Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force.
Jeff Murphy	Community Voluntary Interest, Public Participation Network.
Maire O'Brien	Environmental Interest, Public Participation Network.
Terry McCabe	Local Development, Blanchardstown Area Partnership.
Pending	Social Inclusion Interest, Public Participation Network.
Alice Davis	Social Inclusion Interest, Public Participation Network.
Mary McKenna	Local Development, Fingal LEADER Partnership.
Tony Lambert	Business & Employers, Chambers Ireland.
Des O'Sullivan (Chair)	Community Interest, Headstrong, Jigsaw Fingal.
Padraic McMahon	Farming & Agriculture,, The Irish Farmers Association.
Larry O'Neill	Local Development, South Dublin LCDC.
Justin Byrne	Public Participation Network, South Dublin LCDC.
Prof. Mary Corcoran	Community Interest, South Dublin LCDC.
Cormac Shaw	Local Development, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC.
Tom Kivlehan	Public Participation Network, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC.

	Public (statutory)
	Private (non-statutory)



## 11.0 SICAP Oversight Committee 31/12/15

NAME	CATEGORY AND ORGANISATION
Tony Murphy	Local Authority Member, Fingal County Council.
Siobhan Lawlor	State Agency, Department of Social Protection.
Oisín Geoghegan	Local Authority Official, Local Enterprise Office.
Pat O'Connor (Chair)	Stage Agency, Blanchardstown Institute of Education.
Peter Foran	State Agency, Child & Family Agency TUSLA.
Austin Wynne	Fingal Adult Education Services, Dublin Dun Laoghaire ETB
Pat Queenan	Local Authority Official, Fingal County Council.
Brid Walsh	Community Interest, North Dublin Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force.
Maire O'Brien	Environmental Interest, Public Participation Network.

## 12.0 SICAP Tender Evaluation Group 31/03/15

NAME	CATEGORY AND ORGANISATION
Brian Murray	Local Authority Official, Procurement, Fingal County Council
Tony Murphy	Local Authority Member, Fingal County Council.
Pat O'Connor (Chair)	State Agency, Blanchardstown Institute of Technology.

## 13.0 LECP Advisory Steering Group

Name	Organisation
Cllr. Kieran Dennison (EETD, SPC Chair)	Fingal County Council, (Local Representative)
Desmond O'Sullivan (LCDC, Chair)	Headstrong, Jigsaw Programme Manager – <i>LCDC Nominee</i>
Hazel Craigie	Fingal County Council (Senior Executive Planner)
Terry McCabe	Blanchardstown Area Partnership (Chief Executive Officer) – <i>LCDC Nominee</i>
Mary Walshe	Health Services Executive (Area Manager, Dublin North)
Noeleen McHugh (until September 2015)	Fingal County Council (Senior Executive Officer)
Oisín Geoghegan	Fingal County Council (Head of Enterprise)
Pat O'Connor	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown, (Head of School of Business and Humanities) - <i>LCDC nominee</i>
Pat Queenan	Fingal County Council, (Principal Community Officer), Housing and Community Department
Ethna Felten: Replaced by Paul Smyth September 2015)	Fingal County Council (Director of Services) Economic Development Services
Rachel Lindsay (until March 2015)	Fingal County Council, (Administrative Officer), Economic Development Services
Tony Lambert (LECP Advisory Group, Chair)	Fingal Dublin Chamber of Commerce (Chief Executive Officer) – <i>LCDC nominee</i>
Tony Murphy - SPC Nominee: June 2015	Local Authority Member, Councillor
Lorna Nolan - SPC Nominee: June 2015	Local Authority Member, Councillor
Breffni O'Rourke	Fingal County Council, (Chief Officer, LCDC) Economic Development Services,



## 14.0 Published Information

The activities of the LCDC are updated regularly and accessible on the Fingal County Council [website](#).

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## Practice varies in how new social inclusion focused committees operate

*-26 of 31 councils reply to our questions*

**BY MARK QUINN & ALLEN MEAGHER**

**C**hanging Ireland contacted all local authorities in the State in relation to the setup of Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs). We wanted to see how accountable and transparent the new structures are to the public and how uniform they are nationwide.

We also wanted to know how open the local authorities were in terms of supplying the public with information.

Of note, 26 LAs responded to our various phone calls and emails; five did not.

There is currently a disparity between local authorities (LAs) in relation to the amount and quality of information they put in the public domain regarding the activities of LCDCs.

The committees were established nationwide last year.

Fingal County Council, for example, makes a huge amount of information in relation to LCDC activity available to the public with meeting agendas, minutes, bulletins, profiles of LCDC members and presentations available from their website.

However, another LA in the same province told us that they do not publish minutes or outcomes of LCDC meetings and did not intend to do so.

ie). This allows people to get information on their LCDC fast without having to navigate their way through the council website. As graphic designers say, "Three clicks or it's not worth it." It means that if users cannot get to the information they want in three clicks, they are likely to leave your site.

However, while the Kildare LCDC website includes names and photographs of all the LCDC members, their contact details are not provided.

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**Website:** [www.fingalcoco.ie/business-and-economy/fingal-local-community-development-committee](http://www.fingalcoco.ie/business-and-economy/fingal-local-community-development-committee)





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