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ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	EXPLANATION
BAP	Blanchardstown Area Partnership
CFS	Community Facilities Scheme
CYPSC	Children & Young People's Services Committees
DHPLG	Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
DLRCC	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
DEZ	Dublin Enterprise Zone
DOH	Department of Health
DRCD	Department of Rural & Community Development
EETD	Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
FCC	Fingal County Council
FLP	Fingal LEADER Partnership
LAG	Local Action Group
LEADER	'Liason Entre Actions de Developpement de l'Economie Rurale' 'Links between the rural economy and development actions'
LCDC	Local Community Development Committee
LDC	Local Development Company
LECP	Local Economic Community Programme
LES	Local Employment Services
LDS	Local Development Strategy
NEETS	Not in Education Employment or Training
PPN	Public Participation Network
RAPID	Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development Programme
SICAP	Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme
SDCC	South Dublin County Council

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."*



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the 2017 Annual Report of the Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). This committee continues to manage and provide oversight to the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) and to the rural development programme, LEADER. There has, in addition to these major funding programmes, been an increase in activity by the committee in the past year, with the introduction of the Communities Facilities Scheme, the Healthy Ireland initiative, and RAPID funding introduced at the end of 2017 with a view to tackling social exclusion and improving quality of life in disadvantaged areas.

Congratulations to Blanchardstown Area Partnership soon to be renamed Empower who have been awarded the second SICAP funding contract, which will run from 2018 until 2022. SICAP empowers communities to work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders using a broad range of supports and interventions. The Company will build on their successful implementation of the earlier SICAP contract to support and develop our communities into the future.

I wish to also acknowledge the work of Fingal LEADER Partnership (FLP), Implementing Partner for Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG). Rural development funding for County Dublin is administered by FLP and overseen by Dublin Rural LEADER LAG. It was encouraging to see funding coming on stream over the course of 2017 and I look forward to working with FLP and partners in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South County Dublin County Councils, to support and develop our rural communities across the wider County.

The Public Participation Network (PPN) continues to develop citizen participation and the appointment of a resource worker for the PPN in the past year is a boost to the work that is given freely by members of the Network. This voluntary work is highly valued and we are grateful for the continued positive contribution to civic life in our County.

The work of the LCDC is facilitated and enhanced by the commitment and expertise of the staff in the Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Directorate of Fingal County Council. The Committee has made significant strides in developing new structures and working in partnership with communities, government agencies, the business community and stakeholder groups. This would not have been achieved without the support of the Directorate.

I would like to thank outgoing Chief Officer to the Committee, Breffni O'Rourke who has fostered and advanced the LCDC over the past 4 years. His commitment and professionalism has helped to further the growth of a positive and vibrant committee, and established an active and dedicated group representing community interests in Fingal. I look forward to working with his successor Declan Ryan.

I also look forward to the challenges ahead, particularly the contribution of the Committee to the next iteration of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). I am confident that the LCDC will continue to add value to the potential of Fingal and to the development and enhancement of quality of life through local economic, social and community initiatives in the County. I undertake to ensure the respectful and collaborative way of working which has been cultivated to date will continue.

Dr Pat O'Connor

Chair Fingal Local Community Development Committee & Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group. Head of School of Humanities, Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (ITB).



CHIEF OFFICER STATEMENT

The Fingal LCDC met all requirements as set out by the Department of Community and Rural Development and its previous Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. In the performance of its functions, the LCDC met on six occasions and the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group on four occasions. Attendance and participation at LCDC meetings averaged 74% over the year and the Dublin Rural Local Action Group averaged 83%. Attendance and engagement across all LCDC related activities was consistently high and of good quality.

In 2017:

- Tony Lambert, Dublin Fingal Chamber of Commerce, was replaced by incoming CEO Anthony Cooney
- Mary McKenna, Fingal LEADER Partnership, was replaced by incoming CEO Chris O'Malley
- Terry McCabe, Blanchardstown Area Partnership, was replaced by incoming CEO Adeline O'Brien
- Padraic McMahan, from the Irish Farmers Organisation, was replaced by Laurence Ward
- Peter Foran, TUSLA, was replaced by Úna Caffrey
- Ellen O'Dea, HSE was temporarily replaced during maternity leave by Denise Curran
- Pat O'Connor Chaired, for the second year consecutively, the Fingal LCDC & the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group.
- Bríd Walsh, Fingal LCDC (Vice Chair) chaired the SICAP Oversight Sub Committee
- Siobhán Lawlor, The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, chaired the SICAP Tender Review Group
- Cllr. Paula Donavon, South Dublin LCDC, chaired the LAG Monitoring Group

The Local Economic and Community Plan for Fingal continues to provide the strategic and statutory imperative for the alignment of activities and programmes operated by the Committee and

its sub structures. In 2017 LCDC members and invitees participated in two half-day workshops. The workshops served a number of purposes including deepening the level of collaboration and trust between stakeholders, reviewing current challenges and progress and beginning a conversation to inform the review and refinement of the LECsPs second iteration on completion of the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy due towards the end of 2018.

The main areas of activity in 2017 include overseeing successfully the final year of implementation of the Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme 2015–2017, acceleration in the implementation of the Dublin Rural LEADER strategy and the administration and approval of a number of smaller, local community and development schemes.

The LCDC fulfilled its role as contracting authority in overseeing the effective and targeted implementation of the outgoing Social Inclusion, Community Activation Programme (SICAP) across Fingal. All KPIs were met or exceeded. In Q.3 & 4 the LCDC oversaw the tendering process and award of a new contract for Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme 2018 – 2022.

The LCDC led LAG has moved from strategy development to overseeing the implementation of the LEADER programme in the Dublin sub region, specifically the approval of projects. The LEADER Monitoring Sub Committee continues in its role in supporting the LAG and implementing partner meet its duties.

Agenda and Minutes of LCDC meetings are available on the Fingal County Council website and meetings are held in accordance with Standing Orders established by the Committee.

Breffni O'Rourke

Chief Officer, Fingal Local Community Development Committee & Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group



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Fingal Local Community Development Committee

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The Local Government Reform Act 2014 gives legislative effect to the commitments in 'Putting People First', including the establishment of LCDC's in each local authority administrative area, for the purposes of developing, co-ordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.

LCDC in action

A. LCDC FUNCTIONS

- Prepare and arrange for the implementation of the Community element of a six year Local Economic and Community Plan.
- Co-ordinate, manage and oversee the development of local community development programmes.
- Review, monitor and revise actions and strategies set out to achieve the objectives of the Local Economic and Community Plan.
- Improve the coordination of all public funded local and community development programmes in the administrative area.

B. PERFORMANCE OF FUNCTIONS

- Social inclusion, environmental, recreational, cultural or community development.
- Enterprise and economic functions arising from local and community development activity.

C. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- A clear focus on Social Inclusion, marginalised communities and the marginalised within communities.
- Promotion of enterprise, employment development, training and education, as a key element in supporting sustainable communities.
- Planning and programme implementation that makes the best use of available resources for citizens and communities.

Note: Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001 sets out the functions of the LCDCs.

The functions of a local authority regarding promoting the interests of communities as set out in Section 66 of the 2001 Local Government Act, delegated to LCDCs, section 128(2).

LCDC Member Profiles 2017



CLLR. TONY MURPHY

Tony Murphy is a craftsman goldsmith and Councillor in Fingal County Council representing the Balbriggan Ward. He has been in business in Balbriggan for more than 30 years and during that time has been involved in commercial organisations, community initiatives and sport.

Relevant roles and interests: Former President and current executive member of Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce; Chair Balbriggan Tourism Committee, Director Balbriggan Enterprise Development Group Ltd; Member of O'Dwyer's GAA and Glebe North FC.



CLLR. BRIAN MCDONAGH

Brian McDonagh is a Labour Councillor in Fingal County Council, first elected in 2014.

Brian started work as a lifeguard and swimming teacher and then worked in factories and farms as a labourer, before moving into a sales career in the media and IT industry. He is a past pupil of Portmarnock Community School and has recently been appointed to the board of management of Portmarnock and Malahide Community Schools.

Brian lives in Balgriffin and has a keen interest in planning and environmental issues as well as the arts.



CLLR. NATALIE TREACY

Natalie Treacy is an elected Sinn Féin Councillor for the Castleknock area. She attended Blakestown Community School and went on to attain a diploma in Supervisory Management from NCI. She is a Representative on the Safer Blanchardstown Policing Forum and serves on the Board of Management at Mountview & Fortlawn Community campus, while working full time in Sinn Fein's constituency office in Corduff, on a variety of local issues. She has recently been appointed to the LCDC and is looking forward to representing all groups in her area through this new committee. She is particularly interested in working to resolve the housing crisis in Dublin 15.



ED HEARNE

Ed joined Fingal County Council from professional services firm EY (Ernst & Young), where he was a Senior Manager and led the firm's Economics Advisory team. Ed has a wide range of experience in the public and private sectors with expertise in strategy and public policy formulation, economic analysis and investment appraisal. Ed holds undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Economics from University College Dublin and Trinity College respectively.

Ed previously worked in public expenditure management, strategy development and economic policy analysis in the Departments of Finance and Public Expenditure & Reform.



OISÍN GEOGHEGAN

Oisín Geoghegan is currently Head of Enterprise in Fingal County Council, having been appointed to the position on the establishment of the Local Enterprise Office in 2014. Prior to this appointment he served for 14 years as Chief Executive of the Fingal County Enterprise Board. A Master of Business Studies graduate of University College Dublin, Oisín previously held managerial positions in Export Sales and Marketing for Irish and Scandinavian industrial equipment manufacturing companies supplying food processing and engineering sectors.



DR. PAT O'CONNOR

Pat O'Connor is Head of School of Humanities at Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (ITB). Pat has been involved in education for over 25 years and has been a member of academic staff at ITB since 2001. He has extensive experience in programme design and his teaching interests extend across business and accountancy. Research interests include higher education, accounting and social and community development. Pat is currently engaged in doctoral studies at the University of Manchester.



SIOBHÁN LAWLOR

Siobhán Lawlor is the Divisional Manager for the Department of Social Protection. Her primary responsibility is the delivery of supports and services to 22,000 jobseekers in the Dublin North Division through six offices with over 300 staff reporting to her. She has over 25 years of experience and operational practice in the design and delivery of welfare policies and services, with knowledge and experience of child and family policy, social insurance and welfare legislation, payment and financial services, procurement and contracting and customer service. She studied in the Institute of Public Administration and is currently studying for a Master of Science in Innovation Management in the Public Service with Letterkenny Institute of Technology & University of Ulster.



ÚNA CAFFREY

Úna is the coordinator of Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (FCYPSC). Úna's role is to bring together statutory voluntary and Community based organisations to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people aged 0-24.

Úna brings to Fingal LCDC a wealth of experience of working in the community and voluntary sector having worked for Focus Ireland, Barnardos, Fingal County Childcare Committee to name a few. In her previous role Úna coordinated the delivery of child protection training to early years professionals in Fingal.

Úna holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dublin Institute of Technology and a post grad in child protection from Trinity College Dublin.



DENISE CURRAN

Denise took up the Acting position of Head of Health & Wellbeing in August 2017. She initially joined the HSE in 2001 and was the first manager of a newly established physical and sensory disability department which focused on independent living and mainstreaming services for people with disabilities living in Donegal. She became General Manager for Donegal in 2015 with responsibility for managing all services in Mental Health, Social Care and Primary Care until January 2017 when the new area structure commenced. She was then a General Manager for Primary Care Services in CHO1. Denise has a BA (Hons) in English and Education and an MA in Healthcare Management.



ANTHONY BRENNAN

Anthony Brennan, Chairperson of Woodland Park Residents Association and board member of Rush Community Council, Anthony has always liked to be involved with community groups, working to be part of the Community and working with the Local Authority. The more the community groups work together he says, the more we get for each other.



JEFF MURPHY

Jeff started his career as a psychiatric nurse. He was an active member of his union local branch, holding the position of Chairman for 3 years. As Health & Safety rep, while he worked in community services, he helped set up a Critical Incident Stress debriefing service for HSE. Jeff became interested in media and community development. After retirement in 2012 he became a volunteer for Phoenix FM. Jeff is a regular co presenter and producer of the D15 Today programme and is involved in a number of outside broadcasts. Jeff is a Board member of Phoenix FM and The Community Radio forum of Ireland.



ALICE DAVIS

Alice Davis is an active Community Development worker and has been involved in Balbriggan Meals on Wheels for more than 10 years. Working as a trainer with Lir Anti Racism Training & Education programme, she is registered with the Teaching Council of Ireland. She is a Board member of Balbriggan Meals on Wheels and Balbriggan Enterprise Development Group and the Community Council. Alice has spent a number of years working in development projects in Africa and has worked on South Inner City Development Association, Dublin as a community worker.



ADAKU EZEUDO

Adaku is a Diversity & Inclusion Consultant with expertise in Community Integration Strategies including training, coaching, mentoring, programme development, community capacity building and event management. She holds a Master's degree in Development Studies from Kimmage Development Studies Centre and a Post Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender and Social Justice from UCD. She sits on the Board of Co-operative Housing Ireland and i-Smile International, a charity organisation she founded to inspire women to recognise and develop their own unique skills. Adaku is an avid learner, a people person and an unshakeable optimist. She enjoys networking, travelling, adding value and is very passionate about helping people and communities rise to the fullest potential.



MÁIRE O'BRIEN

Máire O'Brien, M.Sc. Environmental Science. Máire has been elected by the Public Participatory Network to represent Environmental issues on the LCDC. She is from Portmarnock and is involved with the Fingal Environmental Network, Portmarnock Community Association and Beach Committee, An Taisce Coastcare Group and Coastwatch. She was a lecturer with the Open University, in Environmental Control and Public Health. Máire has an interest in most things environmental, especially water, fresh and salt.



BRÍD WALSH

Currently Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force Coordinator in North Dublin, Bríd is on the National Oversight Committee for the National Drug Strategy; Secretary to the Regional Coordinators network and Chair of the Substance Abuse & Intellectual Disability Steering Group. She is the Task Force lead for the North Dublin Regional Alcohol Forum and SÁMH (Substance Abuse and Mental Health) groups. Bríd has decades of experience working with marginalised groups in the Fingal area. Previous roles include local DATF Coordinator, Mediator and Rehabilitation Worker. Among the 3rd level qualifications Bríd holds is M.Sc. in Social Science from Trinity College and is beginning a second Masters in Healthcare Management.



ADELINE O'BRIEN

Adeline's roles include, Development Director (Cork Opera House), Director of the Fundraising Institute of Ireland and CEO of an Education & Training facility for young people and families in Dublin 10. Adeline was a founding Director of the Cherry Orchard Regeneration Company, and a founding member of the Dublin 10 Restorative Practice steering group.

Adeline worked as Consultant in the areas of Governance, Strategy and Management, Work & Organisational Psychology/Behaviour. She provided support in terms of crisis management, operational quality audits and evaluations. Adeline is CEO of Blanchardstown Area Partnership (January 2017) and is leading a change management process including renaming the service to Empower CLG.



CHRIS O'MALLEY

Previously Pro Vice Chancellor, Business & Development, University of Worcester (2015-16) strengthening the University's relations with employers to make it a more powerful catalyst for the development of the private sector economy in Worcestershire. As Pro Vice Chancellor, Regional & International Development, University of Wales, Newport (2007-2013), was responsible for line management of the International, European, Marketing, PR, and Fund-raising Departments as well as the Centre for Community and Lifelong Learning. Director of Strategic Development, Dublin City University (1994-2005). Chairperson of the Ballymun Partnership, 2002-7 and a founder manager of NorDubCo, to promote social, economic and civic development in North Dublin.



LAURENCE WARD

Laurence Ward is a drystock farmer in the north county. Laurence is former Chairman of Dublin County IFA but current Chairman of the Local Fingal Farmers Purchasing and Community Group. Formerly he sat on the board of directors for Fingal LEADER Partnership. His interests include agriculture, rural development and GAA football.



ANTHONY COONEY

Anthony Cooney is Chief Executive Officer of Fingal Dublin Chamber of Commerce. Fingal Dublin Chamber is the representative of the business community covering the greater Fingal Region.

Anthony has more than 20 years experience at director level working with Private Equity Operators of businesses in the B2B and B2C sectors of major companies operating in both the UK and Ireland.



ELLEN O'DEA

Ellen O'Dea took up the position of Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing in the HSE Community Health Organisation Dublin North City and County in November 2016. Since 2002 she has worked in management roles within the HSE and her previous role was as General Manager for Primary Care and Disability Services in Dublin South Central Area. She has a particular interest in community participation in health and in previous roles set up community participation and engagement structures within the HSE. Ellen has a BSC (Hons) in Occupational Therapy, Diploma in Leadership and Quality in Healthcare and an MSc in Health Service Management.

Retired



TONY LAMBERT

Tony Lambert is Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary of Fingal Dublin Chamber of Commerce (2000–present) and Director of Chambers Ireland (2006–present). He is also currently Director and Chairman of Fingal Tourism Limited and a member of the Institute of Directors; Dublin Airport Stakeholders Forum, Ireland Gateway to Europe, Dublin 15 Steering Group, Transports Users Policy Council, Chambers Ireland, Local Government Policy Council, Chambers Ireland; Public Affairs Forum, and the Fingal Local Community Development Committee.

CATEGORY MEMBERSHIP OF FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) 2017

NAME	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Tony Murphy	Local Authority Member Balbriggan/Swords	Fingal County Council
Brian McDonagh	Local Authority Member Howth/Malahide	Fingal County Council
Natalie Treacy	Local Authority Member Castleknock/Mulhuddart	Fingal County Council
Ed Hearne	Local Authority Official Chief Executive's nominee	Fingal County Council
Oisín Geoghegan	Local Authority Official Local Enterprise Office	Fingal County Council
Pat O'Connor (Chairperson)	State Agency Higher Education Institute	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown
Siobhán Lawlor	State Agency Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Úna Caffrey	State Agency TUSLA	TUSLA Child and Family Agency
Denise Curran	State Agency HSE	HSE Head of Service Health & Wellbeing
Anthony Brennan	Community Voluntary Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Jeff Murphy	Community Voluntary Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Alice Davis	Social Inclusion Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Adaku Ezeudo	Social Inclusion Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Máire O'Brien	Environmental Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Bríd Walsh (Vice Chairperson)	Community Interest	North Dublin Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force
Adeline O'Brien	Local Development	Blanchardstown Area Partnership
Chris O'Malley	Local Development	Fingal LEADER Partnership
Laurence Ward	Farming and Agriculture	The Irish Farmers Association
Anthony Cooney	Business and Employers	Chambers Ireland

	Public (statutory)
	Private (non-statutory)

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE LCDC MEETINGS 2017

	NAME	15.02.17	25.04.17	28.06.17	28.09.17	08.11.17	05.12.17
1	Cllr. Tony Murphy	√	√	√	×	√	√
2	Cllr. Natalie Treacy	×	O	×	×	√	√
3	Cllr. Brian McDonagh	√	√	√	√	×	×
4	Ed Hearne	√	√	×	×	√	×
5	Oisín Geoghegan	√	×	√	√	×	×
6	Pat O'Connor	√	√	√	√	√	√
7	Siobhán Lawlor	√	×	×	√	√	√
8	Ellen O'Dea	-	√	√	-	-	-
9	Denise Curran	-	-	-	√	×	×
10	Úna Caffrey	√	√	√	√	√	×
11	Anthony Brennan	√	√	√	√	√	√
12	Jeff Murphy	√	√	×	×	√	√
13	Alice Davis	√	√	√	√	√	√
14	Máire O'Brien	√	√	√	√	√	√
15	Bríd Walsh	√	√	×	×	√	×
16	Adaku Ezeudo	√	√	×	√	√	√
17	Adeline O'Brien	√	√	√	√	√	√
18	Tom Hahessy	√	-	-	-	-	-
19	Chris O'Malley	-	√	√	√	√	√
20	Laurence Ward	√	√	√	×	√	√
21	Tony Lambert	√	×	×	-	-	-
22	Anthony Cooney	-	-		√	×	×
Number attended		16/18 89%	15/19 79%	13/19 68%	13/19 68%	15/19 79%	12/19 63%
		Total 74%					

Present	√
Apologies	X
Absent without apologies	O

LCDC Funding

In 2017, the LCDC administered a number of programmes on behalf of Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) which later became known as the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD). Projects approved for funding closely aligned with the strategic objectives and actions of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).



Community Facilities Scheme

The scheme helped community groups complete small scale capital expenditure projects which enhanced communities further, addressed disadvantage and improved social cohesion at a local level. Funding of €64,500 to 58 community groups was approved in 2017. Groups that were supported included men's sheds, family resource centres, community centres, youth and sports clubs. The vast majority of grants approved were for €1,000 with a limited number of groups receiving €2,500 based on a number of specific policy decisions. See Appendix A for details of successful projects awarded funding under the scheme.

Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development (RAPID) Programme

The programme helped those in disadvantaged urban areas. Funding of €64,500 was allocated to nine projects ranging from €1,500 to €37,000. Types of projects included the provision of a new hub to cater for children and young adults attached to Mulhuddart Community Centre and support for Youth Services in Balbriggan through its Foróige clubs. Groups which received funding are based in Balbriggan and Dublin 15. See Appendix B for details of successful projects awarded funding under the scheme.



Healthy Ireland

Fingal's Local Community Development Committee working in partnership with the Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committees (FCYPSCs) were awarded €138,400 of funding by the Department of Health under the Healthy Ireland Programme (*Healthy Ireland, A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013–2025*) to be distributed across nine projects designed to improve the health and wellbeing of Fingal residents. The projects are aimed at children, young people and their families as well as communities and groups who are at most risk of experiencing health problems. See Appendix C for details of successful projects awarded funding under the scheme.



SECTION 2

Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan 2016–2021

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The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides for the development of a 6-year integrated Local Economic and Community Plan to promote and support the economic and social development of the local authority area.

Fingal LECP recognises that local and community development interventions need to support economic activity from the ground up, whilst helping to combat social exclusion and poverty, for example, through targeted interventions to improve education, training and employment opportunities within disadvantaged or marginalised communities. The LCDC has a key role arranging for the implementation of the community elements of the LECP as well as reviewing the economic elements of the plan.

The LECP provides a framework for strategic and operational plans in the county. For example the objectives and actions of SICAP & the LEADER programmes are closely aligned in the high level goals and objectives as set out in the Fingal LECP.

The plan has six key themes:

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| 1 | Enterprise and employment |
| 2 | Learning, training and working |
| 3 | Health, well-being and social inclusion |
| 4 | Leadership and community empowerment |
| 5 | Tourism, environment and heritage |
| 6 | Urban towns and rural communities |



THEME	HIGH-LEVEL GOAL	ACHIEVEMENT
Leadership & Community Empowerment	More coherent services that connect people and places, more active and empowered communities of place and interest	<p>Membership of the PPN continued to grow in 2017. Full membership is at 568 comprising of various community and voluntary groups. A review of the membership took place in 2017 and resulted in members being reallocated into a pillar that most appropriately reflected their main aims and activities.</p> <p>Fingal Economic and Community Monitor is live on the website and a number of presentations have been given to outside organisations on same. This continues to be updated as data is released. Separately, an exercise was completed in 2017, examining the Census 2016, providing a comprehensive profile of the County.</p>
Health, Well-being & Social Inclusion	To increase participation in social, cultural and economic activities to improve well-being and quality of life	<p>Fingal LCDC applied to the Healthy Cities and Counties Network to formally register interest. A Healthy Ireland Working Group has been formed which submitted a joint LCDC and CYPSC Healthy Ireland application. The application was successful and had nine separate actions. Over 40% of the budget has been allocated to a tobacco free initiative and a 10% of the budget has been allocated to the development of a strategic plan for Fingal. Please see Appendix C for project breakdown.</p> <p>Blanchardstown Area Partnership organised a health fair in Balbriggan to promote positive health and well-being in the community. Over 200 people attended on the day and 25 health promotion services participated.</p> <p>The LCDC approved funding of €64,500 for the Community Facilities Scheme which assisted different community groups and improved their well-being and quality of life. Projects which were supported included youth organisations, men's sheds, sporting clubs etc. Please see Appendix A for project breakdown.</p>
Learning, Training and Working	To maximise job creation opportunities by activating the potential within local communities.	<p>The SICAP provider successfully delivered on the first Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme which assisted 218 people set up a new business and 223 jobs were created by new start-ups. Over 500 individuals participated on free life-long learning courses, 319 progressed along the education continuum and 204 young people were aided by education and job initiatives.</p> <p>An advisory committee has been established to oversee the development of the Fingal Skills Strategy. The report is drafted and is being finalised before being brought to Council.</p>
Urban Towns and Rural Communities	To regenerate towns and villages and increase the resilience of the local economy	<p>Under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme there were four successful projects for Fingal. These were Balrothery children's playground (€100,000), Meakstown community infrastructure (€52,000), Naul Sculpture and Culture Park (€76,000) and Portmarnock village enhancements (€24,000).</p>
	To support the sustainability of rural communities through the development of a resilient economy.	<p>Funding of €64,000 for disadvantaged urban areas as part of the RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development) Scheme was approved which supported nine specific projects. These included community centres, youth services, Phoenix FM and the Remember Us project. Please see Appendix B for project breakdown.</p> <p>LEADER funding totalling €435,000 for 17 projects was approved by the LAG in 2017. Among them a feasibility study for Ardgillan Castle and the expansion of Paws Café. One significant project, Remember Us Special Needs Centre was awarded €200,000 for the relocation and fit out of the centre.</p>

Enterprise and Employment	Increase economic activity and employment creation through innovation and collaboration.	<p>A considerable exercise was undertaken which benchmarked the competitiveness of the Dublin region relative to other primary destinations for investment and within that Fingal's competitiveness.</p> <p>The SICAP provider has provided various courses and programmes to specific interest groups such as ethnic minorities e.g. English language courses to assist with employment support.</p>
	To develop a communication and support structure for SME's and retail businesses.	Over 1,200 businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs participated in Local Enterprise Week 2017 which saw more than 20 business events taking place in Fingal.
Tourism, Environment & Heritage	To regenerate towns and villages and increase the resilience of the local economy	<p>Improvement works to Swords Castle continued in 2017. These works included improving the structural integrity of surrounding walls, the completion of the tourist office, works to the gatehouse, supports to the East Tower and landscaping.</p> <p>Blanchardstown Area Partnership and Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) developed a strategic alliance in 2017 to address sustainable employment opportunities and social inclusion across Fingal.</p>
	To create distinct visitor attractions by sensitively optimising the natural assets of the county, and building an enterprise and community infrastructure to drive and expand the visitor potential.	A Fingal Agri-Food Strategy is currently being developed, which highlights the need to improve Fingal as a food/drink tourism destination. Actions in this area will include tailoring bespoke, unique and marketable food experiences aimed at the Culturally Curious Tourist Segment in association with the food industry. For example, behind the scene factory and farm visits; developing farm trails and an authentic local food provenance programme with Fingal Heritage properties, Fingal food outlets, restaurants and hotels.

	Community
	Community & Economic
	Economic

LCDC-LECP Workshops

In 2017, two workshops were held which focused on the Local Economic and Community Plan 2016–2021.

The primary objective was to promote sharing, trust and collaboration, its secondary objective to provide a facility for conversations which would lead to greater partnership and action. The workshops were facilitated by Des Moore, Head of Civic Engagement, Institute of Technology Blanchardstown.

Over the course of the two workshops a number of external stakeholders to the LECP as well as internal colleagues from the County Council discussed their priorities and opportunities for collaboration. In particular, the last workshop held in December 2017 focused on the review of the LECP which is likely to happen in Q4 2018. The process will be guided by the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy which will be launched later in 2018.



LCDC-LECP Workshops April and December 2017







SECTION 3

Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme 2015–2017



SICAP

Social Inclusion &
Community Activation
Programme



SECTION 3

Social Inclusion Community & Activation Programme



1st place: Anna McGuire

Anna McGuire runs Ana Mac Bespoke Dressmaker and Ana's Sewing School.

2nd place: Agnes Chvojka

Agnes Chvojka is a food photographer and food marketing agency

3rd place: Emma Pierce

The Emma Louise Dance Academy is run by Emma Louise Pierce

The Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is a key intervention for the harder to reach groups. Delivery is being overseen and managed by Fingal LCDC. SICAP aims to address poverty, long term unemployment and social exclusion through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

The total budget for SICAP in Fingal in 2017 was €1,186,124 for which a contribution come from the European Social Fund (ESF) Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014–2020 and the Youth Employment Initiative. The Programme Implementer, BAP achieved both its two key performance indicators (KPI's) for 2017 and ensured that the programme and services were delivered within the financial parameters approved by the LCDC.

In October, BAP held Enterprise Awards to mark the contribution that sole traders and small-business owners make to the economic development of Fingal. It highlighted the work that BAP was undertaking in this area supporting individuals in this space. The winners of the awards were as follows:



Winner of Enterprise Award Anna McGuire, speaking in the Atrium County Hall, Swords



(L-R): Agnes Chvojka, Emma Pierce, Mayor Cllr Mary McCamley, Denise Brady, Anna McGuire

2017 #SICAP

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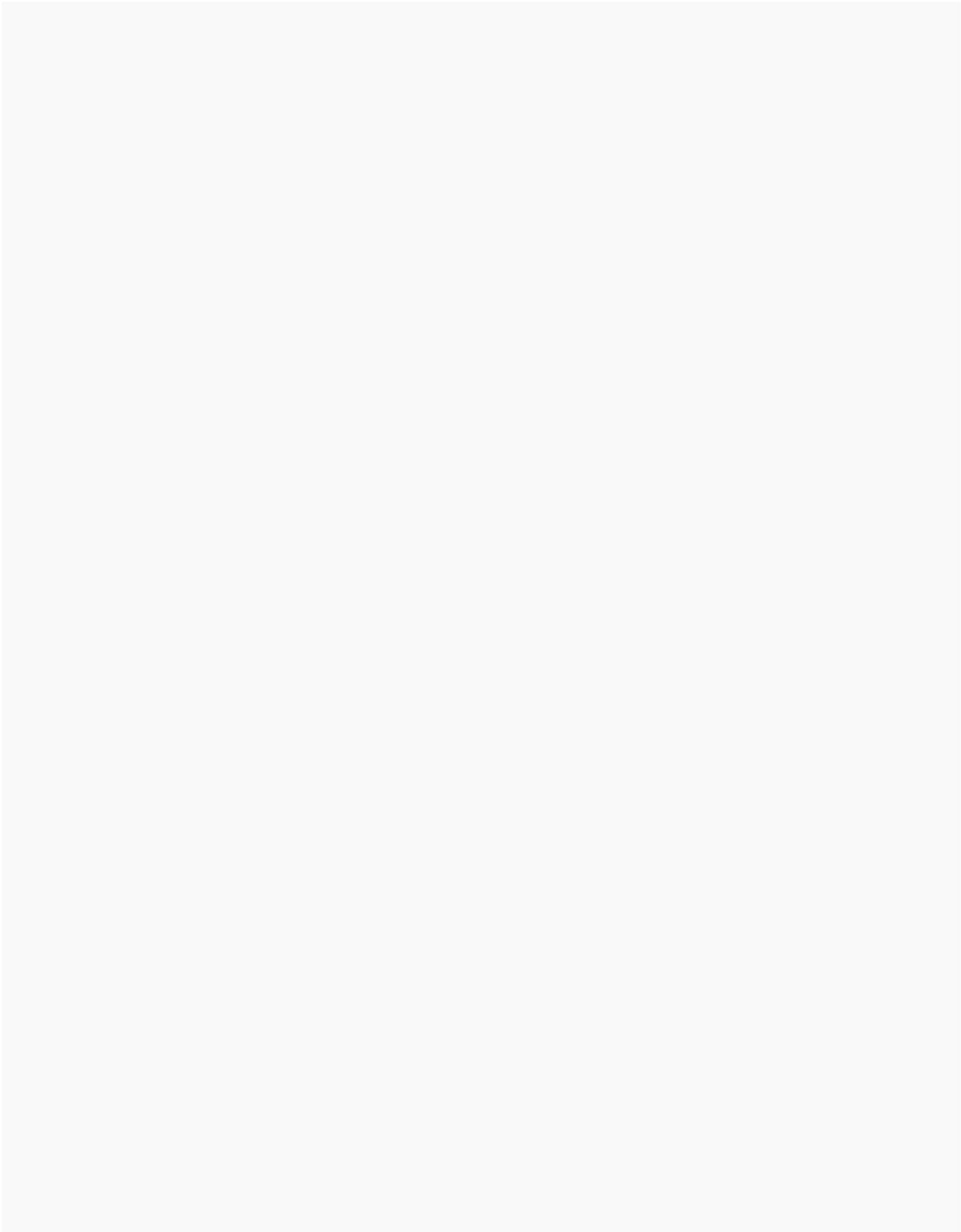
SICAP 2018–2022

In mid July 2017 the SICAP contract went out to tender. Blanchardstown Area Partnership (soon to be renamed Empower) were awarded the contract for SICAP 2018–2022. The contract, which will be managed by the LCDC, is worth approximately €6 million and will target those most disadvantaged and socially excluded. The programme will have two goals - supporting individuals and supporting communities. There will be greater flexibility in qualitative reporting for the duration of the programme.



The signing of the SICAP contract 2018–2022 on 13th December 2017

(L-R) Cllr. Kieran Denison, Chair of BAP, Felix Gallagher Manager of BAP, Breffni O'Rourke Chief Officer Fingal LCDC, Dr. Pat O'Connor Chair of Fingal LCDC, Adeline O'Brien Chief Executive Officer BAP, Paul Reid Chief Executive of Fingal County Council.





SECTION 4

Dublin Rural LEADER

2014–2020



Dublin Rural
LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

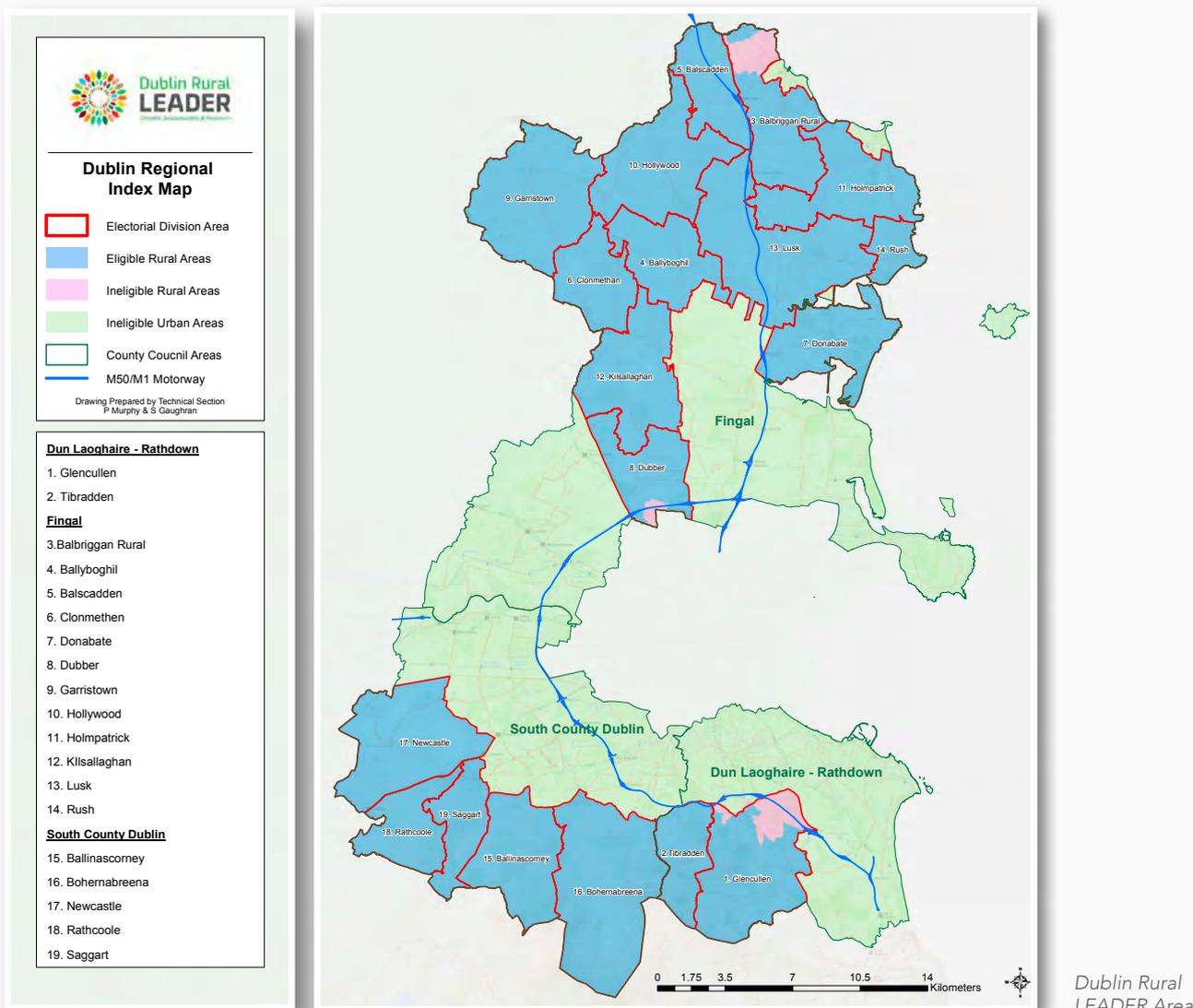
SECTION 4

Rural Development Programme – LEADER

Overview

The Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG) has been established to deliver the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme for the period 2014–2020 in the Dublin rural region. The allocated fund represents €6.42 million and of this €4.83 million will be available for local projects in the region.

The LEADER Programme aims to improve the quality of life in rural areas and to encourage diversification of economic activity in rural areas.



The LAG area

The Dublin Rural LAG geographical area encompasses the rural areas which surround the city of Dublin on three sides and is comprised of rural parts of the local authorities of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, and South Dublin, all within the County of Dublin.

The LAG worked closely with the LEADER Implementing Partner, Fingal LEADER Partnership, on a delivery of a Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the Dublin Rural area 2014–2020. The LDS was designed using community led principles which incorporated an extensive consultative process. The LDS is aligned with the strategic objectives of the LECP 2016–2021. The LDS has three themes and eight sub themes which are indicated below.

THEME	SUB THEME	BUDGET (percent)
Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation	1. Rural Tourism 2. Enterprise Development 3. Rural Town	50%
Social Inclusion	4. Basic Services for "Hard to Reach" Communities 5. Rural Youth	25%
Rural Environment	6. Protection and sustainable use of water resources 7. Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity 8. Development of Renewable Energy	25%

Source; Dublin Rural LEADER LDS Strategy, July 2016

One targeted call was released in 2017 as follows:

Strategic action 1.

Training animation and capacity building to strengthen the tourism industry and economy in the Dublin rural region – funding available €66,000.

Strategic action 4.

Develop and support Dublin Rural unique tourism experience through strategic planning/cluster and destination development and marketing to capitalize on Fáilte Ireland's – Dublin, A Breath of Fresh Air/(IAE) – funding available €40,000.

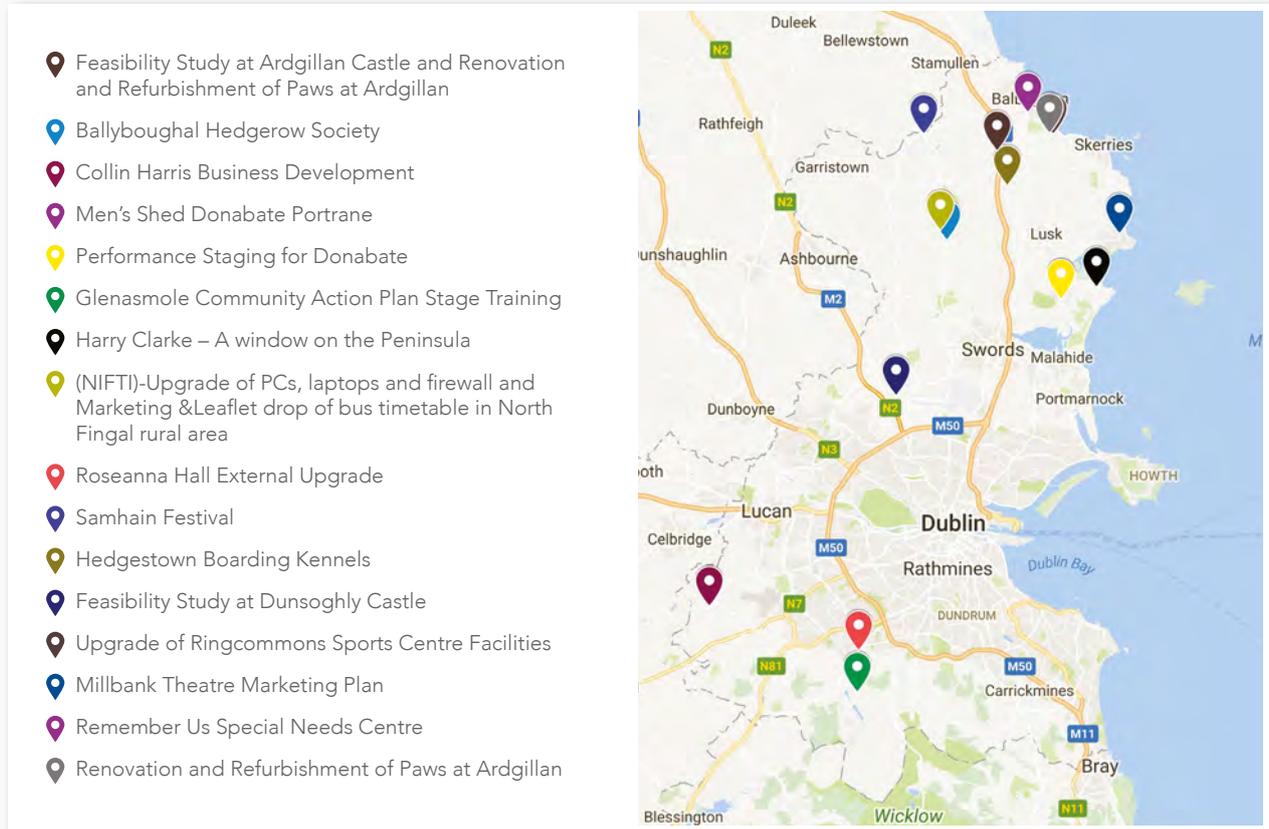
Strategic action 6.

Provision of enterprise training animation and capacity building support for underrepresented individuals and groups – funding available €90,000.



Harry Clarke - A Window on the Peninsula

In 2017, 17 projects totalling €435,000 were approved by the LAG. Examples include a feasibility study for Ardgillan Castle under the Economic Development theme as well as expansion of Paws Café, under the Social Inclusion theme. Significant projects include approval of funding of €200,000 awarded for the relocation and fit out of the Remember Us Special Needs Centre. A geographical breakdown by area of approved projects can be seen in Figure 1 below:



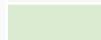
Dunsoghly Castle



Remember Us

Dublin Rural LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP (LAG) MEMBERS 2017

NAME	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Tony Murphy	Local Authority Member	Fingal County Council
Ed Hearne	Local Authority Official, Chief Executive's nominee	Fingal County Council
Oisín Geoghegan	Local Authority Official, Head of Local Enterprise Office	Fingal County Council
Pat O'Connor (Chairperson)	State Agency, Higher Education Institute	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown
Billy Coman	Local Authority Official, Chief Executive's Nominee	South Dublin County Council
Paula Donovan	Local Authority Member	South Dublin County Council
Peter O'Brien	Local Authority Member	Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council
Alice Davis	Social Inclusion Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Máire O'Brien	Environmental Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Chris O'Malley	Local Development	Fingal Leader Partnership
Laurence Ward	Farming and Agriculture	The Irish Farmers Association
Adeline O'Brien (Vice Chairperson)	Local Development	Blanchardstown Area Partnership
Larry O'Neill	Local Development	South Dublin LCDC
Justin Byrne	Environmental Interest	South Dublin LCDC Public Participation Network
Mary Corcoran	Community Interest	South Dublin LCDC
Cormac Shaw	Local Development	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC
Tom Kivlehan	Public Participation Network, Environment Interest	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC

	Public (statutory)
	Private (non-statutory)

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

DUBLIN RURAL LEADER LAG 2017 MEETINGS

	NAME	15/02/2017	28/06/2017	13/09/2017	08/11/2017
1	Cllr. Tony Murphy	√	√	√	√
2	Ed Hearne	√	x	√	√
3	Oisín Geoghegan	√	√	x	√
4	Dr. Pat O'Connor (Chair)	√	√	√	√
5	Billy Coman	x	√	√	x
6	Cllr. Paula Donovan	√	√	√	√
7	Cllr. Peter O'Brien	x	√	x	√
8	Alice Davis	√	√	√	√
9	Máire O'Brien	√	√	√	√
	Tom Haesy*	√	-	-	-
10	Chris O'Malley	-	√	√	√
11	Laurence Ward	√	√	√	√
17	Adeline O'Brien	√	√	x	√
12	Larry O'Neill	x	x	x	x
13	Justin Byrne	√	√	√	√
14	Prof. Mary Corcoran	√	√	x	x
15	Cormac Shaw	√	x	x	√
16	Tom Kivlehan	√	√	√	√
Number attended		14/17 83%	14/17 83%	14/17 83%	14/17 83%

Present	√
Apologies	X
Absent without apologies	○

*Tom Haesy replaced by Chris O'Malley in February 2017

APPENDIX A – COMMUNITY FACILITIES SCHEME FUNDING

GROUP	AMOUNT
Swords Men's Shed	€2,500.00
Mountview Family Resource Centre	€2,500.00
Balbriggan Men's Shed	€2,500.00
Foróige Balbriggan Youth Service	€2,500.00
Portmarnock & District Men's Shed	€2,500.00
Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Club	€1,538.75
Donabate Portrane Community Centre	€1,000.00
Huntstown Community Centre	€1,000.00
Ongar Community Centre	€1,000.00
Fingal Orienteers	€1,000.00
Blanchardstown Active Retirement Association	€1,000.00
Finglas Responders	€1,000.00
Genesis Psychotherapy & Family Therapy GLG	€1,000.00
MIND – Ireland	€1,000.00
I-Smile International	€1,000.00
St Luke's Community Choir	€1,000.00
Indian Family Club	€1,000.00
Donabate Portrane Dramatic Society	€1,000.00
Lusk Community Council	€1,000.00
Castleknock Community Centre	€1,000.00
Malahide Historical Society	€1,000.00
Foróige Phibblestown Youth Café	€1,000.00
Fingal Rowing Club	€1,000.00
Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative	€1,000.00
Foróige WEB Garda Youth Diversion Project	€1,000.00
Remember Us Special Needs Group	€1,000.00
Blakestown Community Crèche	€1,000.00
Castleknock Cricket Club	€1,000.00
Huntstown Community Youth Project	€1,000.00
Baldoyle Family Resource Service Ltd	€1,000.00
Foróige Computer Clubhouse Blanchardstown	€1,000.00
Fingal Horticultural Society	€1,000.00
Skerries Sea Scouts	€1,000.00
Blanchardstown Brass Band	€1,000.00

APPENDIX A – COMMUNITY FACILITIES SCHEME FUNDING (CONTINUED)

GROUP	AMOUNT
Comhaltas Ceoltóiri Eireann, Port Mearnóg	€1,000.00
Santry Community Garden	€1,000.00
Whitestown Estate Management	€1,000.00
Balbriggan Community Playground Group	€1,000.00
Sophia Housing Assoc	€1,000.00
Balbriggan Integration Forum	€1,000.00
St Mochta's Residents Association	€1,000.00
Fingal Youth Orchestra	€1,000.00
Black Raven Pipe Band	€1,000.00
Skerries Theatre Group	€1,000.00
Cairde Balbriggan	€1,000.00
Balbriggan Tidy Towns Association	€1,000.00
Round Towers GAA Lusk	€1,000.00
Blakestown Drive Community Group	€1,000.00
Fingal Counselling Service	€996.00
Garristown Community Council	€982.80
Balbriggan Enterprise Development Group	€980.00
Tyrrelstown Community Centre CLG	€883.14
River Valley & Rathingle Residents Association	€850.00
Owls - The Children's Nature Community Group	€828.00
Flemington Community Centre	€800.00
Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre	€722.31
Men's Group c/o Mountview Family Resource Centre	€719.00
Baldoyle Forum CLG	€700.00
TOTAL	€64,500.00

APPENDIX B – RAPID FUNDING

GROUP	AMOUNT
Mulhuddart Community Centre CLG	€37,000.00
The Dublin 15 Community Broadcasting	€7,870.00
Foróige Youth Service Balbriggan	€5,000.00
Fingal Travellers Primary Health Care	€4,000.00
Diswellstown Community and Recreation Centre CLG	€2,425.00
Remember Us	€2,405.00
Balbriggan Meals Ltd	€2,300.00
Irish Vikings Balbriggan Basketball Club	€2,000.00
Web Garda Youth Diversion Project	€1,500.00
TOTAL	€64,500.00

APPENDIX C – HEALTHY IRELAND FUNDING

PROJECT	GROUP	AMOUNT
Tobacco Free Campus Initiative	Empower (formerly Blanchardstown Area Partnership)	€60,000
Sports Conditioning Early Years Programme	Fingal Childcare Committee	€15,000
Healthy Fingal Learning Portal	Fingal County Council	€15,000
Healthy Ireland Strategic Plan	Fingal LCDC and FCYPSC	€14,000
Foróige Health and Well-being Project	Foróige	€14,456
Healthy Eating (5-9 year olds)	Mulhuddart Community Centre	€3,344
Physical Health Programmes (13+ age category)	Crosscare Youth Service	€5,100
Healthy Weight Education Programme (community based programme peer-to-peer)	Empower (formerly) Blanchardstown Area Partnership	€7,500
Late Night Soccer	Fingal County Council	€4,000
TOTAL		€138,400



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