

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Context

Putting People First – October 2012



Local Government Reform Act 2014

- Dissolution of County Development Boards
- Establishment of Local Community Development Committees (LCDC)

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Based on a 40 Local Authority Membership

Membership

- Minimum of (3) local authority members
- Local authority employees (2)
- Minimum of (3) State agencies

Total 8

Non Statutory Interests

- Partnership Company/s
- Community and Voluntary Interests
- Social Inclusion interests
- Other civic interests including- business/employer etc

Total 9

LCDC Membership continued

Qualities

- ***Professional approach*** and commitment to the LCDC
- Ability to ***make decisions*** on behalf of organisation/group/sector
- ***Team player***, an ability to work collaboratively
- Committed to supporting local communities to develop ***sustainably***
- Empathy and understanding of ***social inclusion*** causes and outcomes
- ***Advocacy and negotiation*** skills
- ***Action*** and follow through on commitments given
- Ability to think, work and act ***strategically*** on behalf of the whole county

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Role

- Co-ordinate, manage and oversee ***local development programmes in administrative area***
- Seek to ensure ***effectiveness, co-ordination-avoid duplication***
- Responsible for ***Local Community Development Programme*** (from July 2014).
- Coordination and management/overseeing - Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)
- Local Community & Economic Plan (LECP)

Local Economic and Community Plans – LCDC

- A 6 year LECP plan
- Sustainability, Accessibility & Ownership.
- Framework for operational and other plans to be placed - influence priorities and spend.
- Socio Economic Framework - Economic and social/community issues identified jointly.
- LCDC - Community element -Local Authority- Economic element
- Adoption of LECP by local authority – amendments to relate only to ensuring consistency County Dev. Plan & Regional Spatial Economic Strategy.

SICAP High Level Goals

- **Goal 1:** To support and resource disadvantaged communities and **marginalised target groups** to engage with relevant local and national stakeholders in identifying and addressing social exclusion and equality issues.
- **Goal 2:** To support individuals and marginalised target groups **experiencing educational disadvantage** so they can participate fully, engage with and progress through life-long learning opportunities through the use of community development approaches.
- **Goal 3:** To engage with marginalised target groups/individuals and residents of disadvantaged communities who **are unemployed but who do not fall within mainstream employment service provision** or who are referred to SICAP to move them closer to the labour market and improve work readiness, and support them in accessing employment and self-employment and creating social enterprise opportunities

SICAP Goal 3 Objectives

- To engage with marginalised target groups and **youth** to move them closer to the labour market and improve their work readiness, and progress them into employment
- To support marginalised target groups and unemployed youth in becoming self-employed and sustaining same
- To support and help sustain **social enterprises** in disadvantaged communities in providing goods and services to disadvantaged communities, and linking people from SICAP target groups to opportunities within the sector

LCDC Timetable

- July - Commencement Orders and final national Guidelines issued
- July - LCDCP oversight transfers to LCDC
- July - December - SICAP Procurement
- July - December – Community & Economic planning and consultation

Q.1 2015

- SICAP commences, oversight by LCDCs
- Local Economic & Community Plans approved by local authorities

Opportunities & Challenges

- LCDCs to bring a strong strategic focus to programme delivery (areas / issues) on demonstrated evidence.
- A separate but shared process - recognises strong communities = more sustainable economic development.
- Parent bodies of those at local level to recognise new environment and provide local structures maximum flexibility to respond to local needs.
- Tight deadlines, new structure / culture , tendering & procurement, financial management & oversight.

Local Enterprise Office

- LEO – building on the success of the former County Enterprise Board
- Integral part of the County Council
- Enterprise support services
 - Loans, grants, mentoring, online vouchers
- Enterprise Centres

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