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Cruinniú /Name of Meeting	Local Community Development Committee
Ionadaí FPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) Name of GCCF Rep (note-taker)	Margaret Ó Riada
Dáta & Suite Date & Location of Meeting:	4th November, Galway City Council Offices
I láthair/ Attendance	<p>Cllr. Donal Lyons, Galway City Council Cllr. Pádraig Conneely, Galway City Council(Left the meeting after 10 minutes) Prof Terrence McDonough, Galway City Community Forum Environmental Pillar Ms Margaret O'Riada, Galway City Community Forum Ms. Marian Maloney Nolan, Galway City Community Forum Mr Frank Greene, Galway Chamber Mr. Declan Brassil, Galway City Partnership Ms Breda Fox, Head of Local Enterprise Office Mr Tommy Flaherty, Galway City Community Forum Ms Anne O'Neill, Health Service Executive – West Ms Irene Murphy, Galway City Community Forum Mr David Leahy, Galway and Roscommon E'TB Mr Joe O'Neill, Director of Services, Galway City Council</p>

Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:

Welcome and introductions

Cllr Donal Lyons welcomed the members and advised them of changes in relation to the City Council representatives. These are as follows:

Mr Joe O'Neill has changed Directorate so Ms Eileen Ruane will now be attending the LCDC Meetings in his place. Peter Salmon will be out until after the Christmas period and Ms Annmarie McDonnell will be standing in for him during his absence. Cllr.Lyons advised the members that, due to the unavoidable absence of Ms.Ruane, Ms.Phiblin and Ms.McDonnell, Joe O'Neill would be attending today's meeting.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The tender process is at stage two and "Frequently Asked Questions" in relation to this are live on the Pobal website. These are updated weekly. They may be of benefit to the evaluation committee, when this committee is formed.

Mr Joe O'Neill circulated copies of an email which had been received from the Local Government Management Agency containing information which he felt may also be of interest to the evaluation committee. This contained a timeframe for the tendering process.

Mr Declan Brassil advised that there had been a change in the closing date for receipt of tenders. This is now the 19th December, 2014 instead of 12th December, 2014.

Mr Joe O'Neill suggested that an evaluation committee be considered at the next meeting. It is also to be clarified from the Department if this evaluation committee can be made up of members of the LCDC and if an external party has to sit on this committee.

The budget for SICAP for the tendered contracts has been reduced from €750,000 to €650,000 including the GTM fund of €100,000. This is due to the deprivation figures in Galway City at present. Mr Declan Brassil also advised that out of the overall €45 million which was to be invested in 2015 for SICAP only €36 million of this is for contracts.

LCDC to query the funding available under SICAP including €9 million not accounted for, this information is to be circulated to members when it has been received.

Socrúithe déanta/ Key Decisions Made:

Local Community Plan: LCP Sub Committee

Mr Joe O'Neill informed the members that the Local Community Plan sub committee(Declan Brassil, Tommy Flaherty, Terrence McDonough, Ms. Marian Maloney Nolan, Margaret Riada) had met but minutes of this meeting are still to be circulated.(Peter Salmon to Follow up) An email from Margaret Ó Riada in relation to this gives the outcomes from this meeting and this was circulated to the LCDC.(see below)

The sub group recommended that hour of the next LCDC meeting be dedicated to firstly reviewing the vision from the previous City Development Plan "Beo agus Bríomhar" and secondly to ask the committee to contribute their views and perspectives on the vision for the community aspect of the Galway City LECP. (workshop style with the view to get us working as a team) Also, as committee members, we need to review the Government guidelines for the development of the LECP.

The expectation of the work of the LCDC and its substructures from the Government guidelines is one of [High Level Intervention](#) and participation in the development of the community element of the Local Economic Community Plan. To this end the LCDC planning sub group made the following recommendations:

- The Joint steering committee made up of members of the Economic SPC and the members of the LCDC needs to be set up as a matter of urgency and should aim to hold its first meeting no later than mid November. Follow up and feedback
- A planning framework with a timeline needs to be agreed by the joint steering group.
- The development of the LECP is similar to the development of a socio- economic plan for Galway City. This plan cannot be developed without resources. Clarity and information needs to be brought to the next LCDC meeting with regards a plan for the resourcing of the development of the Galway Plan. The guidelines state the need for public consultation. This will need to be comprehensive and coordinated
- All baseline data needs to be gathered. There needs to be dedicated personal that will analyse the material. An update on the status of the Galway City Atlas and the role of the Whitaker Institute was asked for.
- An update on the City of Culture bid was also asked for to ensure greater synergy between all the city planning processes.
- All stakeholders need to be involved in drawing up the terms of reference for the plan and it was suggested that there needs to be a greater public/private balance on all LCDC subcommittees.
- It was proposed to draw up a partnership agreement for the members of the LCDC clearly defining our aims, objectives and responsibilities. This type of exercise will be of benefit to the final LECP and the ongoing work of the LCDC.

The facilitated review of 'Beo agus Briomhar' did not happen. Terrence McDonough outlined the main issues and asked Mr Joe O Niall to respond.

Mr Joe O'Neill advised that this was not the expectations of the LCDC and Galway City Council will provide the resources when the process had been proposed and agreed. He also said that it was the purpose of the sub committee to make recommendations regarding the process. The Forum representatives were not satisfied with the response and suggested that a summary of 'Beo agus Bríomhar' and any outputs from the Strategy, be presented at the next LCDC meeting. This was agreed.

The LCDC decided that the agenda for the facilitated meeting should contain only 2 items:

Item 1: Local Community Plan (two and half hours to be dedicated to this)

Item 2: SICAP Evaluation Committee.

The facilitated meeting of the LDCCD is scheduled for 2 to 5pm on 03rd December 2014.

Gníomhaíochtaí is gá a iarraidh ar an bhFóram
Action(s) required from Community Forum:

To review the final LECP Guidelines document when they are circulated.

Community Forum to agree a framework for the 'Community' part of the Local Economic and Community Plan.

Write to Galway City Council asking that the Joint steering committee made up of members of the Economic SPC and the members of the LCDC be set up as a matter of urgency

Develop a funding proposal for the development of the 'Community' part of the LECP and present same to the LCDC.

Update the Forum Reps at the next quarterly meeting .

The Community Forum needs to develop its position in relation to the development of the Local Economic and Community Plan for Galway City.

Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile
Date of next meeting :

3rd December 2.00 pm

Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:

The LCDC needs to work for the benefit of the community .However, at the minute the work and the approach adopted by Galway City Council is not very strategic. The committee lacks clear direction . The LCDC needs to develop an annual action plan with targets for the committee. A plan within a plan.

It was proposed to draw up a partnership agreement for the members of the LCDC clearly defining our aims, objectives and responsibilities. This type of exercise will be of benefit to the final LECP and the ongoing work of the LCDC. The Forum reps will follow up.