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The Public Participation Network in Galway City

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Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

- **DRCD** – Department of Rural and Community Development
- **GCCN** – Galway City Community Network
- **GCC** – Galway City Council
- **GCP** – Galway City Partnership
- **LCDC** – Local Community Development Committee
- **LECP** – Local Economic and Community Plan
- **LG** – Linkage Group
- **LGBT+** – Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans+ and intersex people
- **PPN** – Public Participation Network
- **SDG** – Sustainable Development Goals
- **SPC** – Strategic Policing Committee
- **UNRCPD** – UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

SPC1: Housing and Social Inclusion

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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Housing SPC
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Aimee McGee
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	25/11/2022 Hybrid – Council Chambers, City Hall / Microsoft Teams
I láthair / Attendance	<p>Cllr. D. Lyons, Galway City Council (Chair)</p> <p>Mr. D. Mahon, Housing Department</p> <p>Ms. H. Martyn, Housing Department</p> <p>Ms. M. Fallon Ward, Housing Department</p> <p>Mr. E. Humphreys, Housing Department</p> <p>Ms. B</p> <p>Ms M. Gibsey, Housing Department</p> <p>Ms A. Brett, Housing Department</p> <p>Ms E. Fanning, Housing Department</p> <p>Ms C. Fahy, Housing Department</p> <p>Mr B. Barrett, Housing Department</p> <p>Mr. M. Lohan, ICTU Representative</p> <p>Cllr. D. McDonnell, Galway City Council</p> <p>Cllr. E. Hoare, Galway City Council</p> <p>Cllr. A. Cheevers, Galway City Council</p> <p>Aimee McGee (PPN Rep)</p> <p>Martin O'Connor (Guest / Stand in PPN Rep)</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Karen Golden (PPN Rep)</p>

Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:

Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes from previous meeting were proposed and seconded.

Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Homeless Update

Seamus Quirke Road – Emmett Humphreys

- Proposed Homeless and Day Centre at Seamus Quirke Road was discussed. Plans were presented to the SPC.
- Proposal to demolish the site. Intention that ground floor would provide services for the homeless such as health and wellbeing, GP's surgeries, nurses areas, wellbeing room, addiction counselling, drop in laundry services etc.
- Upstairs – idea is to have a 2 no. 2 bedroom units, for perhaps 2 same sex housing first applicants (who get on well) and 8 studios.
- Externally – Intention to use site to full capacity, but the site is close to the road so there are some restrictions. Small number of car parking spaces. Large courtyard area, dining area and men's shed in courtyard. All overlooking the courtyard.
- The building would all be overlooking the sun-trapped courtyard, allowing it to be a peaceful, quiet area. This idea was inspired by the Maggie Centres for Cancer patients in the UK. It would ideally bring a feeling of openness, transparency, and flexibility – not a feeling of being enclosed.
- The idea is that in the summer months, the 8 studios and 2 no. 2 bedroom units could be used as a stepping stone, offering individuals an element of independent living, before moving on to Housing First and into permanent accommodation.
- During the winter months, it is intended that the units would become dorm style accommodation with 3 individuals living in each of the studios.
- Funding would be sourced from the Department and it appears there is strong support. The process has began and it is intended that Part 8 will be lodged before Christmas.

Questions

Cllr. E. Hoare – Thanked Emmet for the presentation. Advised it was positive. Will it go to part 8 and when will the process commence? Financing – will it be financed just from the Department or part funded from GCC. Also queried staffing aspects of the project.

Martin O'Connor – Thanked the Chair for the opportunity to attend the meeting. Advised that it is wider than Housing First and that there may be higher needs but suggested this was more an operational piece. In response to trebling up the units to 24 people, serious reservations around this. Helena recently shared the new guidelines for emergency accommodation and this should be cross referenced to include laundry facilities and the space in dorm style accommodation. Risk of infection still a concern even though covid has passed. It was also noted that people with trauma, mental health, anxiety etc. may not use the communal space. The 8 studios very welcomed. Day centre piece is great – bespoke and customised spaces for 30-40 people to attend daily.

Terry O'Flaherty – thanked all involved – once all is in order when could the works commence? It will be very welcomed. Organisations doing great work.

Cllr D. McDonald – The one in Newcastle, overflowing with 30-40 people daily. Will this new one help to resolve the overcrowding if things get worse? Welcomed the whole idea but noted that Martin made some excellent points which need to be considered. Use the expertise from those working on this on a daily basis. We need this and the 8 studios will be welcomed. Are we removing one and replacing with another – we need more facilities.

Cllr. D. Lyons – what arrangements will be in place while the work is ongoing?

Cllr. Cheevers – Situation with someone presenting as homeless – what are the needs to be accommodated?

Responses

Timeline - Part 5 – all ready to go. Translating the adds to Irish. Funding from department for the build. Agreed at stage one, uplift in costs so uplift in funding has been agreed. Planning to be submitted. Expect c. 6 months until the tenders return etc. This will be an active project for the housing dept.

Need for more space – The potential for the site has been maximised. Only so much capacity for the size of this site in respect of planning. It will be vastly improved on what we have at the moment. The 8 studios and 2 no 2 bedroom units are not intended to be permanent accommodation, only temporary accommodation only. Around the concept of using them in times of high need and trebling the unit's capacity, there may be a difference of opinion in the operation of that and the need to be able to deliver the most we can at this time. The idea is that all homeless people would not be all brought into one building, we need the others, but it should help improve the situation for Cope. Maybe more projects will be needed in the future. This project will not solve everything.

Questions

D. McDonald – What will happen in the interim period. Functions as a day centre – 30 / 40 people per day attend the day centre, but do not stay there. It doesn't meet the needs of 30-40.

Response – Martin O'Connor - Nobody accommodated there at all at the moment. It will be a purpose-built day centre. Upstairs – will accommodate some bed spaces – trebling up the bed spaces is the only concern.

Elizabeth Fanning - If construction goes well, we could be ready by Year end 2024. Will carry out proofing against guidelines that Martin had mentioned.

Helena – looking at options of decanting – looking at turning around possibly Waterside House. Another facility that we need to look at development into a homeless response in the future, but home we can develop this as the day centre.

The Homeless Report - Helena

- Still working off September figures are Octobers figures have not yet been released.
- 202 adults now accessing emergency accommodation.
- Increase of 186 in July to 202 in Sept.
- Abbey House – 40 men being accommodated
- Osterly Lodge – 12 women being accommodated

- Cope and Simon both at full capacity
- Since 2019 – 28 tenancies have been created in the city with 4 more pending before year end on the delivery of 1 bed units
- New plan for Housing First – target of 30 over 5 year period. Continuing to work with Simon and Cope – Council stock purchasing for AHB's
- Weekly outreach service continues
- CWR – operational from 1st November to 31st March – funded by Dept. Target is people sleeping rough. Night to night accommodation is Osterly Lodge and Fairgreen Hostel. Some difficulties – looked at both, very challenged.
- Using community based housing on a scatted basis – freeing up needs in Fairgreen and Osterly – Outreach workers still working.
- Severe weather – westside community centre can be used in red weather alerts.
- 45 private emergency accommodation – 35 of these are traveller families.
- NTT – challenged in finding private emergency accommodation for families. Really concerned. Trying as much as possible,
- Family hub, modular housing – constantly full.
- 35 families in PMV hub
- Corrib Haven family response
- Homeless travellers – still very challenged. Some in transitional units.
- Moved some families from modular home to a new permanent home.
- 9 families in Corrib Haven Family Hub, 3 of those are traveller families
- 3 traveller families have been offered accommodation in 2022
- 399 tenancies successful this year
- 9 singles in similar circumstances
- 36 single people are also in Private Emergency Accommodation of which 26 are City clients and remainder Galway County Council.
- Tenancy sustainment working on NTT – 96 valid notices on file. Moratorium on evictions has also helped.
- Ongoing project – CAS units – 10 single bedroom housing in Newcastle with Galway Simon.

Questions

M. Cubbard: Commended the team and Helena – ongoing challenge – Difficult to find the 1 bed units, what is in place to do inspections? One particular property is shocking. Homes need to be safe even if for a short term period.

Eddie Hoare – thank you to all. Raised at last SPC, very concerning, lack of accommodation available. Is there a procedure for seeking Private emergency accommodation? Could the government support this in any way? When hotels and retail were in trough, the Dept., helped this. Would love to see more hoteliers come on board. Westside modular homes- Well done to everyone involved. Year to date, have we data on families that stayed there temporarily that have moved on to more permanent homes?

Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty –it has always been a challenge to meet the needs of homeless people. Cold weather – Staff has always been a challenge. Do you have enough to meet the needs – in particular for inspections too. Are Ukrainians turning up as homeless? Do they come under this situation too? Thank you to all – great job under very difficult circumstances.

The vacant units in the city, are certain allocations being given to Ukranian families, or specifically for those on the housing list? Are we under pressure in our own stock

D. Lyons – Echo’s all the compliments to staff and organisations, services. Very challenging time. Is there an underlying cause why so many traveller families are becoming homeless?

Responses.

Traveller families – the concerns mainly relate to overcrowding, Larger families being given NTT. A lot of these families are only on the waiting list for 1-2 years. Looking at priorities to see if they can free up some emergency accommodation. The need and response is changing. Now need to look at priorities within the priorities. Only so many private units that can be taken on.

Inspections – big challenge for homeless service providers. Becoming a huge issue. Resources is a huge challenge.

Private Emergency Accommodation – Cope have a service with a full-time worker trying to source PEA. Also, staff in GCC do this at times. A number of hotels are open at the weekend and not during the week. Sometimes due to their own resource issues.

Modular homes – 15 units in total and working with PMV and Corrib Haven. 33 have been accommodated, 19 moved to more secure housing. Some also moved on to extended families or elsewhere.

GCC are not offering homeless accommodation to Ukrainians.

Brian – Staffing in respect of rented inspections. Significant turnover of staff. Have approval to hire more staff. Pushing through with this. Hoping it will be full capacity by 2023.

None of vacant units will be housing Ukrainians. The plan is not to impact on social housing provision. Approx. 1300 Ukrainians are in emergency accommodation in the city – private apartment complex, hotels, hostels. GCC not overly involved in this. Had assisted Irish Red Cross on the pledged units initially. New campaign being launched seeking private, independent accommodation. GCC been asked to inspect and manage these properties. €800 per month allowance for anyone. You can apply online on offerhome.ie. When the pledges come in, an inspection will be carried out. Not technical inspections. Then GCC manage transfer of tenant to that unit and engagement with property owner. Wrap around supports may be a concern– Galway partnership. Education, health, employment rights etc. Very challenging. Don’t anticipate a huge number of properties coming through that scheme but they will manage as best as possible.

Questions

Cllr. M. Cubard – Unhappy with the level of inspections. Can I ask for a quarterly breakdown? Is it none, or just needs to be improved? Great concern putting young families into homes that are not safe. Requires reassurances that when we put families into housing, homes need to be safe.

Terry O’Flaherty – thank you for presentation Brian – staffing issues approved in 2022 for new staffing. When do you think the traveller liaison person is to be hired?

A. Cheevers – Have you come across any instances that the Ukrainian providers have been delayed in payments. Concerned providers are waiting a long time for payment.

M. Lohan – Echoing the hard work by everyone. CWR - has that ever gone over capacity?

M. O'Connor – The demand is unprecedented. Never seen it as acute. Staff have never experienced the anxiety that is present now. The demand far out ways the supply. Preference is always own door accommodation, but so little available.

In respect of rough sleeping – there is a retention and recruitment crisis at the moment. Galway Simon and Cope recently wrote to the chair of the housing task force. 35% loss of staff in homeless services in Cope and Simon. Terms and conditions are not on par with other services and Section 38. Can't keep up with the pay levels. Now seeing the result of that. Cost of living crisis now seeing people that may have stuck with it, having to move on for their own family needs.

PEA – extremely acute. This morning – 5 families have been approved by GCC / GCoCo approved – no spaces available. List was at 8 last Friday. Did a scout of all tourist accommodation across Galway, twice since September but no additional accommodation has become available.

Nightly – not possible to secure a single site large space to accommodate everyone – so some houses had been brought on stream to take people in. Freed up 10 spaces in Fairgreen, 4 spaces in Osterely Lodge.

20 bed spaces and 17 filled as of yesterday. Daily basis, staff are having to decide who gets the beds.

Street Outreach – 16 people identified yesterday. Migrants make up the vast majority.

6 others are rough sleeping – 3 attend day centre and sleep in cars – working intensely with 3.

Cllr. McDonald – Helena, how long are the short terms contracts for CWR? We are early in the winter. How will we cope going forward? Is there anything we can do? If the weather gets bad in April, what can we do.

E Hoare – Last week in the budget allowed for recruitment of new staff? When can we expect them to be employed?

D. Lyons – bed numbers seem to have decreased this year compared to last year.

Responses

Helena - Beds – working closely with Martin to address the issues. May be able to find more space for beds. But are the responses there to manage the beds. Still under review. Once there is more capacity, they will let SPC group know. Working intensely to try find solutions. Biggest issue there is the retention and recruitment of staff.

Brian – staffing in budget for 2023. Ex engineers, clerk of works, assistant engineer, craft workers. 3 x exec technicians (inspections), 2 x traveller liaison officers, social worker, numerous under property services –

Only allocated in recent weeks. HR still to put together the programme of recruitment. 70 additional staff to be recruited. Will priorities housing where they can. In Feb – hopefully staff will be in place. Some panels already in place for some roles.

PR inspections – report not to hand. Have not stopped to 0, but have reduced. Will circulate.

Had heard there was issues with some hotels being paid. Flagged by LGMA as a concern. Agreed to raise this again and concern agreed at risk of losing the accommodation. Between department and hotelier.

Vacant Refurbishment Grant

D. Mahon – there could be a reasonable level of interest. Grant scheme announced last week. Was available in towns and extended last week and now available in cities. Funding up to €30k, possibly up to €50 if derelict. Quite clear. There is a clawback clause. Must stay there for 10 years. Pre 1993 properties only. Vacant for 2 years. Application form, FAQ document. Will be advertising this next week. If you want to buy a property, you must provide confirmation that you are in the process of buying.

The works are funded on completion.

Questions

E. Hoare – Thank you – One query , expanded to city areas. If someone inherited a farmhouse. If it is within the Galway city townland, would it be eligible, or does it need to be an urban area?

Can you expand on the top up in certain circumstances.

Response

Would need to be a principal private property. There is a scope of works that would be applied for. Works cannot already have started. House must be on the derelict housing list or prove it has been derelict. Works can cost up to €200k.

Housing Needs assessment 2022

Helena – Nearly at the end of the housing needs assessment. Totting up the final figures.

- 546 forms returned
- 364 reminders issues
- 933 in total
- 811 have been assessed
- Deadline is Tuesday. Will not remove people immediately, there will be an appeal process for people who miss the deadline.
- 180 have not responded. Phoned, written, emailed. Will review figures and will update at February's meeting.

SPC Work Programme 2023.

Meeting dates to be reviewed and circulated.

AOB

D. McDonald - People who can purchase the house – if there is a joint tenancy, there is difficulty in buying back the council home. Will not allow the mortgage to go through. It could be elderly parents, and an adult child. Elderly parents may not be eligible to buy, but the daughter could be?

Formal proposal – some people go 5/6 months into trying to buy the home and then after all that, the banks are then refusing them. Very disheartening.

D. Lyons- suggest he compile a motion for this.

M. Cubbard – In terms of policy for planned maintenance for GCC own stock, could be possible to include this in the meetings. Plans for each quarter?

D. Mahon – will include at one of the meetings next year.

Works programme for 2023 adopted and seconded.

Brian – Dermot will be moving from housing – moving to new Ukrainian and response unit. Acknowledged Dermot’s work for the last 7 years. Helena will stay and head up the housing unit in Dermot’s place. Thank you to Dermot.

E. Hoare – acknowledged Dermot’s work and thanked him. The Ukrainian role will be a huge impact.

D. McDonnell – Dermot will be very sadly missed and always comes back and is fair. I will miss you as a voice in housing. You and Helena have worked very well together. Wish you the very best.

Cllr. T. O’Flaherty – Thanked Dermot for his work. Highly experienced in the job, but a gain for the Ukrainians.

M.Cubbard – wishing Helena the very best in her new role. Dermot, Will be missed. Best of luck to both.

D. Lyons - thank both and wish both well in the new posts.

A. McGee – Thanked Dermot and Helena for all their great work and wished them the best in their new roles.

Chair thanks all of the officials for reports etc

Dáta don chéad
chruinniú eile / Date of
next meeting :

To be confirmed

SPC2: Planning



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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Planning SPC Meeting
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Derrick Hambleton and Brendan Mulligan
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	12th October 2022 (a hybrid meeting)
I láthair / Attendance	<p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr Peter Keane (Chair), Cllr Michael J. Crowe,</p> <p>Cllr Frank Fahy (online – left meeting at 09:30), Cllr Imelda Byrne? (online), Cllr Owen Hanley (online), Cllr Niall McNelis (online - joined late)</p> <p>Derrick Hambleton, Brendan Mulligan</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p>Patricia Philbin, Director of Services, Caroline Phelan, Senior Planner, Helen Coleman, Senior Executive Planner, Liam Blake, Senior Executive Planner</p> <p>Peter Staunton, Executive Planner (online), Maura Harrington, Executive Planner (online)</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Betsy Boland, Galway Chamber (recently appointed to the Planning SPC)</p>
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	<p>Meeting started at 8:40am.</p> <p>1. Minutes and matters arising The minutes were adopted.</p> <p>Matters of accuracy B. Mulligan observed that the proposed provisional date, 13th September, for a meeting with the County Planning SPC was not recorded in the minutes. Cllr F. Fahy noted that Terryland Castle is being incorrectly referred to as Tirellan Castle.</p> <p>Matters Arising B. Mulligan raised the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 1 - Recruitment of additional staff to tackle of Short-Term Lettings

Patricia Philbin, Director of Services, responded that a number of administrative staff had been recruited and that additional technical staff will be recruited.

- Item 2 – Date for a Joint Meeting with County SPC to discuss common interests in the Galway MASP

Patricia Philbin responded that the NWRA has secured a researcher to work on the MASP and she expected there would be a joint meeting of the City and County Planning SPCs in November.

- Item 5 – Why was there no meeting of the Planning SPC in September to discuss the proposed material alterations (to the GCDP 2023-2029)?

Patricia Philbin responded that it had not been possible to find a suitable date.

B. Mulligan observed that the Planning SPC has been afforded no opportunity to have an input during the development plan process

- Item 8 - Why are the items proposed for inclusion on the Agenda not on the Agenda?

Patricia Philbin enquired what those items were – B. Mulligan referred her to the minutes of the previous meeting. Patricia Philbin said something to the effect that it was a matter of sufficient time being available. She said she would review the process for selecting items for the Agenda for meetings.

2. Update on Draft City Development Plan

Helen Coleman, Senior Executive Planner, gave an update on the process which is approaching the end of the 99-week schedule. See the copy of the presentation circulated after the meeting.

The 108 submissions following the Public Consultation, which closed on the 6th October, are being reviewed and the Chief Executive’s Report is being prepared which is expected to be issued to Councillors before the end of this month.

A Council Meeting to consider the CE’s Report is provisionally scheduled for the 21st November. It is expected that the GCDP 2023-2029 will be adopted in December and will come into effect 3 weeks later in early January 2023. Helen Coleman explained that there may be submissions/directions from the Office of the Planning Regulator. Any sections affected by such submissions/directions will not come into effect in January.

D. Hambleton enquired if the CE’s Report will be circulated to the Planning SPC members – the answer was no.

D. Hambleton and B. Mulligan complained that the Planning SPC has been afforded no opportunity to input into the development plan process from start to finish. The efforts of members of the Planning SPC to enable it to have an input into the development plan process have been deliberately frustrated at every turn.

The Chair suggested having a Planning SPC meeting between the 31st October and 21st November to give the Planning SPC an opportunity to have an input at this stage. Helen Coleman and Caroline Phelan explained that once the public consultation closed on the 6th October the statutory process does not allow for any such input. The Chair then proposed holding a meeting before the 21st November to allow the Planning SPC “discuss” the draft development plan. This would “inform” Councillors prior to the Council meeting.

Cllr M. J. Crowe observed that the external members of the Planning SPC have had ample opportunity to input into the development plan process through their membership organisations and the public consultation process. He suggested that if the external members wanted to have a greater input they should stand for election as the Councillors do.

B. Mulligan read the following statement which he requested be recorded in the minutes of the meeting:

“At the 5th meeting of the Planning SPC in September 2020, I described it as being dysfunctional. This is its 13th meeting. The Planning SPC is a sham in that it is not what it is purported to be. Its purpose is, and I quote from the act, *“to consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the local authority and to advise the authority on those matters.”* [Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Act of 2001, as amended].

There has been hardly any engagement at the 13 meetings of the Planning SPC to date on policy. I am calling it out for what it is – a sham.”

Cllr M. J. Crowe objected to B. Mulligan’s description of the Planning SPC as a sham and stated that the Council is obliged to follow the statutory process. Patricia Philbin also referred to the statutory process.

The Chair undertook to hold a Planning SPC meeting before the 21st November to “discuss” the draft development plan.

3. Large-scale Housing Developments

Liam Blake, Senior Executive Planner, gave a presentation on the Large-scale Housing Developments legislation which will replace the Strategic Housing Development (SHD) legislation. See the copy of the presentation circulated after the meeting.

B. Mulligan enquired if there were any implications for staffing and if the staff resources are adequate. Liam Blake was of the opinion that there are no significant staff implications over and above the SHD process. Caroline Phelan agreed and said that after the first stage the process under the Large-scale Housing Development process is similar to that under the SHD process.

Patricia Philbin said that 3 additional administrative staff have already been recruited. It is proposed to seek sanction from the Department to recruit an additional 7 technical staff.

Cllr O. Hanley enquired if there were provisions for Social and Affordable Housing in the new legislation. Liam Blake confirmed the provisions are the same as under the SHD legislation.

Cllr. Frank Fahy asked what recommendation the City Council had made to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the SHD application at Bóthar an Chóiste. Caroline Phelan responded that the City Council had recommended permission be refused.

Caroline Phelan said that 2 applications under the Large-scale Housing Development legislation are imminent.

4. Draft Heritage Plan Update

Deferred due to the unavoidable absence of the Heritage Officer.

D. Hambleton said this was regrettable given that he and Cllr Owen Hanley had been nominated as representatives of the Planning SPC to the proposed Heritage Forum in October 2021 but there have been no meetings of the Heritage Forum held to date. D Hambleton noted that

Caroline Phelan had sought a nomination from the Heritage Council and was told there had been no movement.

5. Development Plans – Guidelines for Planning Authorities – July 2022

Helen Coleman, Senior Executive Planner, gave a presentation on the new guidelines which replace the 2007 guidelines. See the copy of the presentation circulated after the meeting.

As these are Section 28 guidelines the Planning Authority must have regard to them. The guidelines are welcome as they provide very comprehensive guidance on the development plan process. They include guidance on the integration of the RSES and MASP into development plans.

D. Hambleton asked if there are any implications for the draft city development plan. Helen Coleman and Caroline Phelan responded that the guidelines have been published after the development plan process had commenced in most Local Authorities in the state. The planners did have regard to the draft guidelines to some extent in the preparation of the current draft development.

D. Hambleton note the emphasis on communication with the public and PPNs. There is current guidance which is being ignored. We should be discussing policy at the Planning SPC but we are not.

6. Residential Zoned Land Tax – Guidelines for Planning Authorities – June 2022

Caroline Phelan, Senior Planner, gave a presentation on the Residential Zoned Land Tax. See the copy of the presentation circulated after the meeting.

Caroline said that this is not a body of work that the Local Authority welcomes. A draft Residential Zoned Land Map will be published in November 2022 and will be subject to public consultation.

D. Hambleton enquired if this has implications for the Ardaun LAP lands. Caroline Phelan responded that there would not be for 2023 as the lands had to be “serviced” by June of 2022. It is Irish Water that will designate what lands are “serviced” for the purpose of this tax. Ardaun is not “serviced”. Irish Water is working on servicing it (the proposed sewage attenuation tank at Merlin pumping station). The design is at an advanced stage and a pre-planning consultation has been held. Irish Water have titled the project “The Ardaun Extension”. It has to acquire some land to accommodate it. D. Hambleton responded saying that it was very likely that ten more years would pass before a brick would be laid in Ardaun.

Cllr Owen Hanley observed that it means much additional work for local authorities. He also noted that the tax rate will be 3%, which is a reduction from the 7% rate applicable under the Vacant Sites legislation. He enquired if there is any estimate of the number of sites to which it will apply. Caroline Phelan responded that the tax will apply to the area of the sites concerned, based on the Residential Zoned Land Map, not the number of sites.

Cllr Peter Keane enquired when it will commence and when the tax is likely to be levied. Caroline Phelan said that the legislation has already been effectively commenced. Once the public consultation on the draft Residential Zoned Land Map has been completed a final map will be published which will be the basis on which the tax will be levied.

Cllr M. J. Crowe thanked the Fianna Fáil Minister, Darragh O’Brien, for introducing this tax.

7. Agenda Items for next meeting

Cllr Crowe requested again that on-street Utility Boxes (ESB) be on the agenda and gave instances where additional utility boxes have appeared recently.

Cllr N. McNelis requested it include an update on the proposed flood defences.

B. Mulligan asked for the following to be included on the agenda:

- An update on Short-Term Lettings

- An update on the LDA national priority sites for housing at the Dyke Road Car Park and Sandy Road Regeneration Sites.
- An update on the current position in relation to Vacant Site Levies
- Work Programme for 2023

8. Any other Business

B. Mulligan congratulated Emmet Humphreys, Senior Executive Architect, who last Friday hosted an excellent event and workshop on a 'Galway Charter for Sustainable Urbanism' as part of the Architecture at the Edge Festival. A number of his City Council colleagues also participated in it contributing to making it a very worthwhile event. He was very pleased to see the Director of Services there.

Cllr Owen Hanley welcomed the extension of the exemptions in relation to solar panels on the roofs of buildings and asked that the Executive come back with proposals as to how it might drive the installation of solar panels on roofs. D. Hambleton asked for clarification in relation to their deployment on the roofs of Protected Structures and in Architectural Conservation Areas.

B. Mulligan acknowledged the Chair's good intentions in suggesting the next Planning SPC meeting be held prior to the Council Meeting scheduled for 21st November to at least give the SPC an opportunity to "discuss" the draft development plan, prior to the Council considering the proposed material alterations, even though the Planning SPC could not then make a submission.

Date for Next Meeting

The Chair proposed that the next meeting be held some Tuesday morning between the 31st October and the 21st November. Holding a joint meeting with the County SPC on the same date will also be considered.

The meeting closed at 10:00am.

SPC3: Economic, Community and Cultural Development

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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Economic, Community and Cultural Development SPC
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Dominick Whelan
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	23 September 2022 - Hybrid meeting: In-person at Galway City Council and Online (MS Teams)
I láthair / Attendance	<p>Present</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Council:</p> <p>Neil Mc Nelis - Chair & CLLR</p> <p>Donal Lyons - CLLR</p> <p>Noel Larkin - CLLR</p> <p>John Connolly - CLLR</p> <p>Eddie Hoare - CLLR</p> <p>Declan Mc Donnell - CLLR</p> <p>Sectors:</p> <p>Dominick Whelan - GCCN</p> <p>David Hickey - Galway Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Executive:</p> <p>Brian Barrett - Director of Services</p> <p>Gary Mc Mahon - Head of Economic, Community and Cultural Development</p> <p>Caitriona Morgan - Community Officer</p>

	Ruairi Lehmann - Tourism Officer Theresa O'Donoghue - Officer Thomas Melley - Officer TJ Hughes - Lisa Fenwick - DFI Marian - Access for All Francis Kane - Homes
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Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:

AGENDA

- 1. Confirmation of minutes of the, Economic, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting held on Thursday 26th May 2022**
- 2. Matters Arising**
- 3. Proposal Re: Disability Steering Committee – to receive a presentation**
- 4. Healthy Age Friendly Homes programme – to receive a presentation**
- 5. Community Department– to hear an update**
- 6. Culture Night 2022 – to hear an update**
- 7. A.O.B**

Adoption of the minutes and Matters Arising

Disability Steering Committee

- Disability is covered by UN Convention and Public Sector Duty
- LECP and Social Inclusion work group would benefit from the programme
- The access officer can be a support and age friendly, with inclusion across the board
- It is for elected representatives
- Tourism and sport bodies
- The team can be a supportive for active travel plans
- The scope and report of the council can work with PPNs and activities are reported to the SPC
- To Implement the UN Convention

- There is coordinated approach to support disability and inclusion issues
- Appropriate ways to action and support within the council
- LECP inclusion and pilot programme within the LECP to support capturing the roles of making the LECP inclusive
- Compiling a support tool to make sports and clubs more accessible.
- The support of introducing in local areas
- Examples of benefits of using reader, planned works, active travel, social inclusion implement EU web-based activity
- Galway would be ideal for ensuring supports in disability and disability committee

DFI- Lisa Fenwick

- Discussions around inclusion of the elected members and civil society groups
- A disability committee can be beneficial to bringing a coordinated approach with stakeholders and dealing with issues and compliance.
- It's a benefit to the city council reading planning length times
- Facilitate the development of new inclusion for disability in the city
- Standing within policies
- Committee dependent on length of strategy

Question Declan Mc Donnell

- what is the link between gold star, GCP, GCCN, LCDC
- Un Convention
- Public Sector Duty

Clarification by Brien Barrett

- Gold Star through the stakeholders and partnership and LCDC partners
- Funding for disability action

Declan Mc Donnell

- Gold Star, in hotels in Offices and ensure correct size and supports within planning.
- Planning within ramps and improvements for users or for upgrades

Question - Donal Lyons

- Can see the merits of the benefits and ensuring schemes and areas
- The issues of enforcement and protection of disability spaces
- An opportune time to allocate a budget and support a committee structure

Question - Eddie Hoare

- Recommendation to the full council and the chamber
- Query to add if this can be added to the provision of services within the city.
- It would be beneficial if there is scope and budget

Response to Questions

- Gold star works with the community and ensuring policy
- The web access and public sector duty requirements and audit
- Donal Lyons Proposal: The benefits of both models are examined and that a review of access office for the next SPC
- Motion supported by: Lyons, Hoare, Mc Nelis, Mc Donnell

Healthy Age Friendly Homes - Francis Kane

- Aim for the adoption of a holistic approach on certain needs and referrals from the HSE
- Assistance needs is about providing information and support on how to enable and empower people to be at home
- Housing and mobility groups, funding and advice for funding

Question - Eddie Hoare

- Is the programme available to engage of a certain group or by whom is the programme reporting to

Response to Question

- Link in with Gardai.
- Information to the community officer. It's a free service to the public. A person over sixty-five or those in need of the services
- Reporting is done and collated to the national oversight group
- Cost savings can be arranged in relation to a nursing home
- increase awareness of the project, a note in relation to the work being done by the council at a local level
- The objective would be the best route for people to stay at home

Community Department - Update

Ukraine response

- 7% of refugees -
- 50,000 refugees
- 90% in accommodation

- 10% in own accommodation
- Development may increase over the next year in the medium term
- Ukrainian Response Forum, education, sports, supports
- Galway City Partnership is coordinating the emergency accommodation
- Volunteer Galway is supported to work with volunteer groups
- Medium term solution for housing what funding, - council SICAP and human resources €200,000
- Covid 19 community call
- covid19 HSE supports
- Living well programme
- The HSE has increased their level of communications
- Mental health supports in healthy Ireland initiatives is ongoing
- The Galway Older Persons Council met recently.
- The Volunteer Ireland call is currently ongoing
- Public LECP submission, work ongoing. Ongoing update is due for the next meeting and progress on the LECP.
- Minister O'Brien was onsite visit in Galway City with Older Persons Council.

Culture Night 2022

- Series of events near 60 on the programme
- Culturenight.ie by two and location
- Galway Facebook page has 11 pages
- Starting at 4pm at Westside Resource Centre
- Multinational food event
- Margarita D'Arcy
- Bridget's Place
- A reding, Film and unique perspective on her father's experience
- Culture coordinator asked last year for late night events.
- Fabin's An Ghaeltacht - Street performance - 424 Brass band
- Museum director, leading through curations.
- Budget for €45/50k budget for culture night
- Approx. 60 city events and 45 events in the county

AOB

- National Social Enterprise Plan
- Addition of plan on ATU/OG for the next agenda
- LECP expected for QTR 2023

Close of Meeting**Socruithe déanta / Key Decisions Made:**

Recommendation;

- Proposal: The benefits of both models are examined and that a review of access office for the next SPC

Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

Follow up on the proposal(s) for disability steering committee

Dáta don chéad
chruinniú eile / Date
of next meeting :**Friday 9th December 2022 at 2pm****Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:**

9th December 2022 SPC is expected to have an influence on economic developments

SPC4: Transportation

Tuairisc/Reporting Template for Galway City Community Network Representatives



Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Transport SPC Tuesday 8th November 2022
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Shane Foran
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	Tuesday 8th November 2022 Zoom and council chamber
I láthair / Attendance	<p>Present</p> <p>Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Frank Fahy (Chair)• Mayor Clodagh Higgins• Cllr Mike Cubbard• Cllr Alan Cheevers• Cllr Clodagh Higgins• Cllr Niall Murphy• Cllr Peter Keane• Cllr Noel Larkin <p>Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul O'Donnell GCCN• Shane Foran GCCN• Pat Hardiman <p>In Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pat Greene• Uinsinn Finn• Michael Lally
1. Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	<p>Minutes and matters arising</p> <p>Shane Foran GCCN: Proposes Cllr Mike Cubbard: Seconds</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <p>Paul O'Donnell GCCN: Flyover reports Cllr Mike Cubbard Terryland pedestrian crossing Cllr Mike Cubbard staff have been in touch re Siobhan McKenna Traffic Calming Browne roundabout Action plan for Letteragh Road and Circular road?</p> <p>Shane Foran GCCN: Confirms that non SPC members may now attend Cllr Frank Fahy: Open to public to attend Shane Foran GCCN: Expresses thanks - confirms only attend in person</p> <p>Pat Hardiman ICTU: Joins meeting in person</p>

Access control points (report already circulated)

Presentation by Michael Lally - Council Executive:

- Circular in relation to active travel schemes
- Circular distributed in relation to Greenways
- Access controls only to be provided where necessary
- City council had no existing audit - used map put together by volunteers in open street map.
- 110 Items on map 95 deemed to be within the control of the city council

Clr Clodagh Higgins: joins on line

- Circular does not extend to non-active travel schemes
- Discussion with cycling interest groups - paths need to be 3m wide - passive surveillance should be considered - consider widening to 3m.

Shane Foran GCCN:

- Report very welcome
- Accepts that at some locations Access Barriers may have merit – small children etc
- Removing access controls could be an Active Travel project in itself
- In many cases two workers with a large spanner could remove the barrier

Clr Niall Murphy: joins on zoom:

- Not suggesting remove all of them - was the option of removing all them.
- Last environment SPC South Park and Terryland can be removed immediately.
- Possibly active travel scheme funding could be available.
- New kissing gate put in in Ballybane - looks non compliant -
- lot of volunteers put a lot of time into that map.
- Dave Corless etc need vote of thanks

Clr Noel Larkin: Questions with Uinsinn -

- Is the problem with cargo bikes?
- initially installed to prevent motorbikes is there a replacement for the kissing gates.
- Lobbied for quite a while to get kissing gate into Ard Awleen racing through Ard Awleen when Guards are called. (Anti social behaviour)
- Serves its purpose

Clr Colette Connolly: Joins meeting on zoom

- Did agree at environment SPC to remove kissing gates at two locations.
- Footpath reduces at Lough Atalia for parking - are footpaths to be increased to 3m (Shane Foran GCCN: roadside from context)

Clr Frank Fahy: Confirms kissing gates South Park, Terryland

Michael Lally - Council Executive: Responds

Alternatives - facilitate access by cargo bikes - wheelchairs other mobility aids

Notes request for footpath upgrades.

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- When deliver active travel schemes don't do kissing gates - between public road & a park etc.
- Will be complying with Dept of Transport guidance
- Does not want to overstep his own role.

Cllr Alan Cheevers: Joins meeting in person

Michael Lally - Council Executive:

- Funding submitted initial funding application to NTA have submitted indicative costs.

Shane Foran GCCN: Proposes Transport SPC adopt as a policy that access controls should be removed with agreement of local residents.

Cllr Frank Fahy: What do you want to do? - Shane Foran GCCN:D defer to Cllr Frank Fahy guidance

Paul O'Donnell GCCN: If there is agreement on different type - could this be put on Active travel?

Shane Foran GCCN: Safe routes to school - kids lifting bikes over walls -

Michael Lally - Council Executive: - Safe Routes to School - Green schools - Cycle buses - secured funding to undertake an audit of the cycle bus routes.

Shane Foran GCCN:

- Send Access Controls document to green schools and ask for feedback?

Cllr Niall Murphy:

- Next step apply for funding??

Cllr Colette Connolly:

- Terry land come in through shopping Centre - have to carry bike over barrier - on corner.
- Wood quay coming from plots. people need to come out safely especially with cargo bikes.

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

Wrap up

- Discusses issues to be considered - will put them into a work program.
- Email roads@galwaycity.ie - Wood quay work is done may have improved lighting

Paul O'Donnell GCCN:

- Clarification - if Safe Routes to Schools - is Active Travel - is there a responsibility to remove kissing gates on a Safe Routes to School?

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive: :

- Schemes Galway City not putting in kissing gates - not transport -

Item 3 ESB - ESB pilot mobility programme – car club for electric cars

Presentation Lorraine Darren

- Car club
- One stand two chargers
- Shared e-car usage

- Reducing cost of access to EVs for public
- Doing research with Trinity
- Partnered with Enterprise rent a car
- Have to be over 21
- Monthly subscription 40 euros - 7 hours of driving
- Must bring car back to starting location

Locations

- Dyke road across from Lidl - already a charger there

ClIr Frank Fahy: Thanks for presentation

ClIr Alan Cheevers: What kind of cost? Involved? What about Parkmore? Work with employers - have a serious traffic problem?

Darren? ESB:

- At the moment it's just a pilot but might be interesting to get feedback designing a platform that links multiple mobility hubs.

Waterford proposing to do a hub every mile? Part of plan is to partner with multinationals like Microsoft.

- Thinking of doing pilot city - to show department of transport - Galway might be a suitable pilot.

ClIr Frank Fahy:

- Cost EU49 per month 7 ours for free - 7 euros an hour after that??

ClIr Mike Cubbard:

- Target people who only need car on a once off basis may be elderly people - how would they access the system would it be user friendly for elderly people

Lorraine ESB: App - many people in 60 or 70s are mobile literate. Could look at learnings from Darren's pilot. Could do tutorials on a YouTube video.

Will be work done with local communities like Darren is doing - putting promotional material in Post office.

Paul O'Donnell GCCN: Two locations good for city centre - what about people who live in Knockacarra - uses example of bike share

Lorraine ESB: just locations they could see driving around if there is more local knowledge will consider.

Pat Hardiman: Cost of insurance

Lorraine ESB: Enterprise will look after that?

Darren ESB: Young people not buying cars. There is a shift happening

ClIr Frank Fahy: How long will it take?

Round up of current council projects/activities

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive: Rounds up

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Bus Connects Cross city link with An Bord Pleanala ABP
- Expects to get correspondence from ABP
- Have met with affected landowners
- New bridge is progressing - main spans have been delivered
- Martin roundabout is progressing

Michael Lally - Council Executive:

- Doughiska road cycle scheme due to start in December
- Public consultation in relation to Cycle connects. Did not get prior notice of consultation
- Proposals based on GTS open until Friday
- Millars lane - permeability - project progressing
- Cnoic an Oir - permeability - project
- Parkmore - consultants engaged on detailed design
- NTA have started review of bus service for Galway - consultation with executive - there will be public consultation later January

ClIr Alan Cheevers:

- Martyn roundabout - has become an obstacle - need to look at health and safety issues needs better lighting - traffic flow not adequate - need to be honest with public that it won't be finished in December.
- Need to tell public that it will go into the new year.
- Time frame for Doughiska road?
- Update on Ballyloughane scheme since meeting with local councillors
- Park and Ride is there any way to bring pressure to make it happen more quickly?

ClIr Mike Cubbard:

- Has Colm Shaughnessy left is he being replaced?
- Traffic calming why can't we have ramps? Want to know what the policy is around ramps? Can someone come out and look at it?
- Mentioned Bothermore
- Cnoic An Oir well done but lighting issues

ClIr Peter Keane: -

- Congratulations on permeability within estates -
- Continued success on that kids going to school.
- What is the budget on Martin Roundabout - are we under or over and are there penalty clauses?

ClIr Colette Connolly: Rollout of 30km/h is that still on the table?

ClIr Frank Fahy: Can we have responses?

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Health and Safety on Martyn - take any allegations of health and safety seriously.
- HSA have visited the site - could ask the HSA to visit again
- Traffic plan drafted by a qualified person
- Resource issues on site
- Keeping a close focus in the site.

Michael Lally - Council Executive:

- Doughiska estimates 9 months - in standstill

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Ballyloughane still on the agenda
- LED position is vacant - individual deserved a promotion moved to county council
- Conan oir take anot on lighting

- Traffic calming policy - should try and get back to that

Permeability -

Michael Lally - Council Executive:

Clybaun road scheme side proposal to look at permeability - makes proposals to look at permeability routes will need to come back from NTA

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- From memory EU5million fixed price project - bitumen product significant inflation - have a claim from NTA - on budget from GCC perspective - claims from contractor will go to a claim.
- Penalty clauses - last thing want is for the contractor to go bust - then be tendering for a new contractor.
- Speed limits - county (city?) wide review limits - 30km limit in city centre - not had a chance to discuss since last night.

Cllr Niall Murphy:

- Was suggested that councillors could be consulted in advance before public consultation.
- Avoid controversial 80 km limits outside schools

Pat Greene - Director of Services:

Park and ride will send a letter to the Park and rid program

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive: Intention is to bring that back in December - have a workshop before publishing by laws. By laws now done at local level.

Agenda for next meeting

Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive:

- Proposal for underpasses
- Speed ramps would not like to commit to that.

Agree dates for next year

- Path finder proposals - be worth putting on agenda at next meeting - Uinsinn Finn - Council Executive: going to meeting on that

Cllr Mike Cubbard: Asking for speed ramps at second meeting next year
Cllr Frank Fahy; March?

Cllr Colette Connolly: Will footpaths be on the program for early next year -
Cllr Frank Fahy: Can we suggest footpaths?

Pat Pat Greene - Director of Services:

1. Existing maintenance footpaths
2. New developments
3. -

Cllr Alan Cheevers: Old Ballybane road increasingly damaged - potholes - ask for it to be filled in for safety reasons

Cllr Colette Connolly: Thinks we need an audit - major issue for people with disabilities

Date of next meeting

Proposed dates for 2023 (all Tuesdays)

Feb 7th

May 9th

Sep 12th

Nov 7th

Cllr Colette Connolly: Proposing not have SPC following council meetings

Cllr Frank Fahy; Will try not to have it clash?

Cllr Frank Fahy: Three SPCS today

Cllr Alan Cheevers: On behalf of Cllr John Connolly looking for update on school wardens on Clybaun road - four out sick

Pat Hardiman ICTU: - Decided at the last meeting to write to guards - re parking in bus lanes

Cllr Frank Fahy: And buses

SPC5: Climate Action, Environment, Recreation and Amenity

Report to follow

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Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:	

Local Community Development Committee

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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Local Community Development Committee	
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Joanne Laffey	
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	9th November 2022, Council Chambers, City Hall	
I láthair / Attendance		
<p>Present</p> <p>Chair: Martina O'Connor</p> <p>Council: Theresa Donohue Michelle Lyons Liam Kitterick Brian Barrett Brendan McGrath Aisling Colreavy</p>	<p>Community: Fiona McDonagh-Delaney Joanne Laffey Declan Brassil Linda Silke Owen Hanley Breda Fox Anne O'Neill Lorraine Lally</p>	<p>In Attendance: James Coyne (online) Oliver Daniels (online) Niall Crowley, (online guest presentation)</p>
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:		
<p>1. MINUTES from LCDC meeting 14th Sept 2022 No matters arising</p> <p>2. LECP Update</p> <p>i) Presentation from Niall Crowley (Value Lab) on LECP Assessment and LECP Evidence Book</p> <p>Declan Brassil stated that Galway has previously led out on this and need to keep it up. Proposed to adopt the document and processes.</p> <p>Brian Barrett suggested that the evidence book is used (Niall Crowley later corrected this and said assessment doc should be used instead) as a lens that we can proof against to ensure we are meeting equality and human rights.</p> <p>SPC usually use as a framework and put to group.</p> <p>Niall Crowley noted that the document is not new, but tracking and checking against it gets it over the line.</p>		

Brian informed the group that the council are working with NUIG and Urban lab to apply for a grant for data collecting tools (new mechanisms). Hope to use these for tracking with LECP and if successful, can be replicated by other LECPs (and attractive to SFI if so).

Declan requested tracking other than on paper, record change for people, not just academic. Brian Barrett agreed.

Proposed: Declan Brassil

Seconded: Fiona McDonagh Delaney

- ii) Report and Discussion on submissions received on the draft Issues Paper for LECP Public Consultation

Theresa Donohue gave overview of report sent.

Brian noted that resources need to be identified to deliver on plan. Not all issues raised are the responsibility of the council, they need to be prioritised and budgeted for. Service level plan have been asked to relate back to LECP plan. Need science to assess priorities (e.g. census) and inform process of LECP over next 2/3 years that prioritise the most vulnerable.

Fiona pointed out link to evidence book and importance of keeping on top of under reporting.

Lorraine Lally posed the question of aligning KPI's with funding streams. Brian said we don't have influence at LCDC level to change national priorities.

Declan noted that council lead out on public consultation with LECP but up to all at the table to help. Priorities must be agreed at a local level and a collaborative approach with, e.g., HSE, Healthy Ireland, used.

James Coyne noted that there were very little residential, arts or economic submission so how will Brian prioritise. Brian Barrett said to see what the data says along with high level national policies as well as the consultation.

3. SICAP

- 2023 KPI targets will remain same as 2022
- Agreed with GCP and Pobal

Proposed: Brendan McGrath

Seconded: Breda Fox

Declan delighted targets haven't changed, always exceed but no need to raise them just because of that. No guidance on Ukrainian support – awaiting info from Pobal.

Case study played. Noted that group should watch case study on the Youth Advocate Programme also on GCP website.

4. Healthy Galway City Update

Aisling Colreavy gave update as per her report.

- HIF Round 4 template has been agreed, significantly different to last 3 rounds,
- closes Jan 27th 2023
- online survey remains live until end of 2022

Anne O'Neill raised issue of funding gaps, great to see more money in the pot but with 3-year strategies funding is not known until the end of each year.

Lorraine praised Aislings report but pointed out that minorities are not included enough in initiatives and that more strategic partnerships are needed (e.g., with men's sheds, etc).

5. Ukrainian Community Response Forum

Brian Barrett gave update.

To date there are 56k Ukrainian programme refugees nationally, expected to rise to 60k by month end.

Galway city

- 1298 in emergency accommodation
- Min 2000 more in city and increasing
- City is full, call out by local authorities this month for vacant accommodation, Galway not expected to have large numbers.

Emergency accommodation includes hotels, not sustainable.

Grant for vacant properties to increase from €400 to €800.

IPAS manage accommodation centrally for all refugees, GCP providing wrap around supports.

Anne said pressure is building on GPs – many not registering any new patients. There has been an EOI to augment GP services for refugees (e.g., use retired GPs) but still need nurses, admin etc.

Galway Volunteer Centre has funding for new dedicated resource.

2 new funds to be aware of;

- €50m to community groups
- Dept of Health €1m (€28,575 to Galway City) delivered through community response forum.

Breda Fox stated that the LEO are starting a Ukrainian Start Your Own Business Programme.

Owen Hanley raised point of Galway not being “full” as per Brian's statement previously and that the council had a duty to address vacant property situation.

Brian said that building regulations and retrofitting costs have put a halt to much development of these properties. Also stated that the properties being made available cannot interfere with Housing For All policy.

Martina raised concern of isolated groups within the Ukrainian Community here (e.g., Russian Ukrainians not mixing).

Martina also noted the need for support for staff trauma, and the LCDCs need to address this.

6. A.O.B.

E-mail from DRCD re funding for community enhancements, Theresa will forward more information when received.

Note funding for Men's Sheds (€800k) and Women's Sheds (€100k). Women's sheds finding it hard to get support as there is no national body for them. Timelines for funding applications will be tight.

Exchequer audit for SICAP and LCDC ongoing.

Noted request from GCCN to alternated meetings between afternoon and evening. BB will discuss with staff but latest they can accommodate is 5-7pm.

National Domestic Violence Conference 18th November.

Group noted Declan Brassil's impending retirement from GCP, Brian thanked him for input throughout the years and wished him well.

Joint Policing Committee

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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Joint Policing Committee meeting
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	Tommy Flaherty
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	5th December 2022
I láthair / Attendance	<p>GCCN Members Present</p> <p>Tommy Flaherty, John Cleary, Cameron Keighron</p> <p>Apologies: Nichola Tierney, John Rabbitte</p>
<p>Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:</p> <p>1. Minutes of last meeting,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were agreed. <p>2. Key issues discussed</p> <p>New Format The new Chief Super Roche, said that the format he would be following in future was that he would not be issuing a written report prior to the meeting which had been practice prior to this as it could be leaked. He said the report would be issued after the meeting. Most Councillors and Tommy Flaherty said that this was not acceptable, Tommy Flaherty highlighted that during his time on the JPC he had not heard of any leaks. After debate it was agreed that a written report would be given prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>In another new departure the Garda Analyst briefed the JPC on the garda report and questions followed.</p> <p>Highlights were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Drink Driving • Increase in Drug Driving • Use of Mobile Phones up 11% • Non wearing of seatbelts up 7% • Speeding up 6% • Property Crime up 45% • Burglary down 7% • Overall all types of Fraud were down • Domestic abuse was similar to last year • Public Order offences were up 6% • Minor Assault down 2% 	

- Assault causing harm up 31%
- Drug Seizures €1.4 million.
- New approach to dealing with Domestic violence. The Chief Super stated that it was to be an arrest first basis.

Questions asked by reps on this report

- Tommy Flaherty
 1. asked that hate crime be added to the report as he had requested this at the last meeting. It was agreed that it would.
 2. Welcomed the new approach to domestic violence.
 3. Said that the increase in Assault causing harm increase was worrying and the increase of such assaults appearing on social media was a concern.

Feedback from the Gardai on questions

- Drug detections would be a priority
- Non wearing of seat belts was hard to detect due to people seeing the Garda and then putting them on.
- Patrol cars never stop but Garda have to prioritise when calls come in so it is not always possible to have immediate assistance.
- On domestic violence that Gardai have reached a target of 82% call back within a week of reporting.
- New Garda coming on stream will not keep pace with those leaving and this will cause problems going forward.

As the Garda report took nearly two hours with the new format the agenda had to be cut and a proposal was made to add extra time to deal with questions received from members. Please see attached appendix of questions asked and answers received at end of this report.

The Chairperson said that the Cllrs meet in each ward and that a lot of issues could be dealt with if the Garda came to these meetings, the Chief Super said that it could be a mini JPC. Tommy Flaherty interjected and said that GCCN reps were part of the JPC and that we should also be at these meetings.

In response to the questions from Cllr Donal Lyons, the Chief Super replied that they were operation, and he would not be responding.

In response to the questions asked by Tommy Flaherty, he highlighted the continued parking on footpaths by Cars/vans and of busses outside of schools. City council said that they would investigate this.

Presentation from Galway City Council Tourism Officer on Night-time Economy was deferred to Monday 12th December at 10am. This will be by Zoom.

Update on the JPC Workplan 2022 was deferred to the next meeting

Dates of meetings in 2023

1. Monday 20th March at 11.00am
2. Monday 19th June 2023 at 11.00am

3. Monday 16th October at 11.00am
4. Monday 4th December 2023 at 11.00am
5. Public meeting: Monday 21st November 2023 at 7pm at Knocknacarra Community centre.

Tommy Flaherty said that the last meetings were held in Knocknacarra and Eastside and the next one should be city centre.

Gníomhaíochtaí / Action(s) required from GCCN:

- Watch out for dilution of the JPC by meetings outside of the JPC.

**Dáta don chéad
chruinniú eile / Date
of next meeting :**

Monday 20th March at 11.00am

Moltaí breise /Any Other Comments:

APPX “A”

Questions received from Cllr. Donal Lyons:

1. Can the Chief Superintendent give an update with regard to the number of Garda patrol cars/vans to be replaced in this division because of them reaching their mileage limits?

Response received from An Garda Síochána: Response will issue at the meeting on Monday.

2. Given the new policing model in this division, the number of patrol cars, vans required to provide a satisfactory Garda presence in the division?

Response received from An Garda Síochána: Response will issue at the meeting on Monday.

3. The number of Garda patrol cars/vans that have not been replaced and what efforts are being made to address this issue to having new patrol cars provided by Garda Headquarters?

Response received from An Garda Síochána: Response will issue at the meeting on Monday.

Questions received from Tommy Flaherty, GCCN:

1. At previous meetings, the issue of illegal parking has been brought up. Galway City Community Network is of the belief that “Making Way Day” is not just for one day only and we ask that the Gardai and Galway City Council work to ensure that illegal parking i.e., on footpaths, at corners and on double yellow lines within the estates around the city and outside schools be enforced. We ask that a publicity campaign in relation to this be undertaken and that the law then be enforced to ensure the safety of those that use our footpaths.

Response received from Galway City Council: From January to November (2022) inclusive, the total number of Tickets issued for ‘illegal parking on Footpaths’ has reached 1578, a 16% increase on the same term in 2021. 2 For the same term above Jan-Nov (2022), Tickets issued for ‘Parking on Double yellow lines’ was 2310, a 27% increase on 2021. Galway City Council will continue to enforce illegal parking on footpaths, at corners and on double yellow lines within the estates around the city and outside schools

subject to available resources. The Road Safety Authority in association with An Garda Síochána conducted a publicity campaign in February 2022 urging all drivers to park responsibly and not to park on footpaths or cycle lanes, as it poses a road safety risk to vulnerable road users and is an offence. Galway City Council will bring the request from Galway City Community Network to the attention of the Road Safety Authority in regard to the running of a future publicity campaign on this matter.

2. Galway City Community Reps have raised the issue of Red Eye cameras on a number of occasions over the past number of years, however, nothing concrete has come of this except for statements that it would be looked into. With the large number of complaints of running red lights we believe that these cameras which have been trialled in Dublin should be provided in Galway. We ask that an up-to-date report on the potential installation or investigation into the installation of these cameras be given to the next JPC Meeting

Response received from Galway City Council: The role of camera-based enforcement and its potential road safety benefits is being considered by the Department of Transport and transport agencies and Galway City Council is awaiting the outcome of this process. Support Action No. 67 of the recent Ireland's Government Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030 provides for the development of camera based Gardaí enforcement at junctions. The lead Department in relation to this Action is the Department of Transport. Galway City Council as a local authority will not roll out such a proposal in isolation.

Comhairle na nÓg

No report

Galway Childcare Committee



Galway City Community Network
Lionra Pobail Chathair Na Gaillimhe

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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Galway Childcare Committee
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker): Marian Maloney	
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	December 2022
Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed:	
Equality Diversity and Inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Equality Diversity and Inclusion course was fully completed Ballinasloe, with 12 participants in attendance from 7 services.• A second course started on the 19th of November in Galway City with 15 participants from 11 services.	
Children First Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Children First course was completed on the 22nd of November with 16 attendees from 14 services.• One final Children First training event will commence on the 8th of December in Clifden over the course of two afternoons to cater for sessional services and services on the Islands.	
Síolta Quality Framework Training <p>Two dates are scheduled for the remainder of 2022, one in Clifden and one in Galway City.</p>	
Parent & Toddler <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grants opened in May 2022 with a new strand for an additional session per week plus a buggy walking session, this allows for extra funding for groups.• 24 applications were received in 2022.	
Galway Traveller Movement Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Galway Childcare Committee ran a programme alongside Galway Traveller Movement and Music Generation in Ballybane library. This was due to the success of the project that was rolled out in Ballinasloe earlier this year.• Our role was to promote the two free preschool years and NCS childcare subsidies and the benefits of play for young children from the travelling community.	
Support for Ukrainian families <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay & Play sessions for Ukrainian children and families have been carried out at various accommodation sites and local libraries.• Since October we have hosted 10 sessions with 48 children in attendance.	

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Western Regional Drugs Task & Alcohol Taskforce

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Galway Sports Partnership



Galway City Community Network
Lionra Pobail Chathair Na Gallimhe

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Cruinniú / Name of Meeting	Sports Partnership AGM
Ionadaí LPCG (glacadóir - nótaí) / Name of GCCN Rep (note-taker)	David Kennedy
Dáta & Suite / Date & Location of Meeting:	Via Zoom 28 th September 2022
<p>Príomhphointí pléite / Key Issues Discussed: Minutes of last meeting delivered and accepted.</p> <p>Summer reports, SIDO (Ms. Ellie Loftus) provided a two-page report on items that were held and run for those with disabilities, mostly for children, as someone who has a disability I requested that we should note that this was the most comprehensive report and activities delivered by my time on the board for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Titans Basketball – summer Basketball for Ukrainian families,</p> <p>NEW 4-Part Webinar Series - <i>Autism Spectrum Disorder & Fundamental Movement Skills</i> with Dr Susan Crawford.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In conjunction with (KRSP) Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership @ecgalway and Education Centre Tralee, we have organised an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) 4 Series Webinar which will be presented by Dr. Susan Crawford. This is a comprehensive online ASD and Movement training series. This webinar series is suitable for teachers, parents and coaches. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tues, 4th October: Introduction to ASD Tues, 11th October: Introduction to Fundamental Movement Skills Tues, 18th October: Promoting and Maintaining participation in FMS programmes for students with ASD Tues, 25th October: Exploring the Get Autism Active programme <p>Debate as no new sports coordinator has been appointed, despite Louise Burke gone for a year now, the position has been offered to two individuals but neither accepted, Jason still doing the role on a temporary basis as well as doing his own work.</p> <p>Debate on funding from County Council as grants were only for City Clubs as County Clubs would be funded from the County yet no funding coming from County, County Council rep will follow – up.</p>	

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