

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

e-Bulletin – July/August 2015

1. LEADER

The expression of interest (EOI) submitted by the Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) to the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government (DECLG) to form a Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG) has been successful. The next stage is to prepare and submit a Local Development Strategy (LDS) by the 16th January 2016. Detailed guidance on the next stages can be found at [LEADER Next Steps](#) and [LEADER Q&A](#).

2. SICAP

The Social Inclusion & Activation Programme (SICAP) Sub-Committee has met twice in May and July 2015. A snapshot will be taken on the [Integrated Reporting & Information System \(IRIS\)](#) to monitor progress on SICAP implementation by the [SICAP Programme Implementer \(BAP\)](#) on 15th September 2015. The LCDC SICAP Subcommittee will meet to monitor and review its content in September; a full report will be available at the next LCDC.

3. LECP

At the June meeting of the LCDC the draft Socio-Economic Statement (SES) for the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan LECP was adopted. In the period after this the SES has been (a) submitted to the [Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly \(EMRA\)](#) for consideration and observations (b) A consultative workshop with members of the elected council, Economic & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and Fingal LCDC has taken place, and (c) separately with local community and economic stakeholders. A draft with proposed objectives and actions will be circulated in advance of the October LCDC meeting. Further information here [Fingal LCDC](#) and [Fingal Economic & Community Plan \(LECP\)](#).

4. National Oversight and Audit Commission

[The National Oversight and Audit Commission](#) (NOAC) is a statutory body established on the 1st July 2014 via the [Local Government Reform Act 2014](#) to bring an added dimension of independent scrutiny to local government performance at local, national and regional level.

There are currently two Local Authority Activity Performance Indicators that impact on LCDCs, one relating to [SICAP](#) and another [Public Participation Network \(Fingal Community Network\)](#).

a. Number progressing to FT, PT or self-employment within 6 months of receipt of a Goal 3 employment support - Social Inclusion & Activation Programme.

b. % of nominees to LCDC membership via the PPN structures from the most marginalised SICAP groups.

Part of NOACs remit is to monitor the adequacy of Local Authority (LA) Corporate Plans. The [Fingal Corporate Plan 2015-2019](#) embraces [Putting People First](#). Three of the five Economic Development (ED) Objectives stated, relate directly to LCDC statutory responsibilities.

5. DECLG, LCDC training and capacity building

The Department of Environment, Community & Local Government (DECLG) co-ordinated regional training sessions for LCDC chairpersons, elected members and Chief Officers in July 2015. They plan to organise further training sessions in October for remaining LCDC members. I will forward a request for items to include in these sessions, please respond and attend if you can.