

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) e-Bulletin – March – April 2015

1. LEADER

Mr. Alan Kelly T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, and Ms. Ann Phelan, TD Minister of State for Rural Affairs, launched the €250 million Rural Development Programme on 23 March 2015. The first stage of which was an open call for expressions of interest, from any group that can show broad local and community participation and wishes to be considered as a Local Action Group, for the purposes of the delivery of LEADER interventions in their respective areas. The deadline for submissions of Expressions of Interest is 17:30, 15 May 2015. Rural Dublin Sub Region allocation €6,370,438.43.

[Leader Notice](#)

2. SICAP CONTRACTS SIGNED

On the 24th March 2015 a contract for the delivery of the national Social Inclusion & Activation programme (SICAP) in Fingal was signed by Paul Reid, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council, Ethna Felten, Chair, LCDC and Linda Curran, Chief Executive, Blanchardstown Area Partnership. A briefing of the SICAP programme and its implementation will be presented at the next meeting of the LCDC.

3. Fingal 6 Year Local Economic & Community Plan

Members of the LCDC endorsed a draft socio-economic framework statement and the progression onto the public consultation stage of the LECP at its last meeting in February. Four public meetings have taken place with a number of smaller focus groups and one to one interviews in the intervening weeks. The socio economic statement is available online, members are invited to further comment and promote

the consultation through their networks and constituencies and encourage the submission of comments and observations by **22nd April 2015**.

[Local Economic Community Plan](#)

4. Public Participation Network– Fingal Community Network

Elections to the new Fingal Community Network, set to replace the existing Fingal Community & Voluntary Forum are set to take place on **25th April 2015**. For more information please follow:

[Fingal Community Network](#)

5. National framework policy for local and community development - Link to copy of the draft national framework policy for local and community development ([Draft framework policy \(pdf, kb\)](#) for the consultation process -

this will close at 5pm on Friday 10 April, 2015.

6. ANNUAL REPORT

A short annual report on the performance of the Fingal LCDC functions is being prepared in the context of Chapter 2 Section 128B(1)(i) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014.