

FACT SHEET 1 – JULY 2014

What are Local Community Development Committees?

CONTEXT

The Local Government Reform Act 2014, provides for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) in the 31 local authority areas. This is one of the main alignment reforms of local government. LCDCs replace County Development Boards, and while retaining the collaborative nature of CDBs, have an enhanced role and different structure.

ROLE

- LCDCs key function is to achieve a more strategic, joined up approach to local and community development.
- LCDCs will have oversight and responsibility for local development and community related funding in their county.
- Each LCDC will develop a six year Economic and Community Plan (LECP). This plan will agree the strategic framework for economic and community development for the county. It will inform community and local development resource allocation, and inform other planning processes.
- The community element of the plan will be prepared by the LCDC, with the economic element prepared by the SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise Support.
- There is a requirement that both elements are prepared concurrently and form the basis for one overall LECP. This plan will be presented for approval by Council in early 2015.

STRUCTURE

- LCDCs are based on membership from statutory and non-statutory bodies (who hold the majority of seats). Administrative and secretariat support is provided by the local authority.
- County Kildare LCDC is based on a seventeen member committee (see overleaf for membership). It held its first meeting on May 16th, and is commencing work to develop the LECP.
- From July 1st, the LCDC takes responsibility for overseeing the Local Community Development Programme which ends in December 2014.
- In the Autumn, the LCDC will be responsible for awarding the tender contract to deliver the next social inclusion programme Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme 2015-2018.
- Underpinning the work of the LCDC is community participation. A new structure of involving citizens and local communities through Public Participation Networks (PPN) will be established at county and Municipal District levels. Work to establish the PPN in Kildare is at an early stage.

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County Kildare LCDC Membership

	Member	Representing
STATUTORY	Elected Members Councillor Suzanne Doyle Councillor Mark Wall Councillor Fintan Brett	Local Authority
	Kildare County Council Chief Executive Officer – Eamonn O’ Sullivan	Local Authority
	Local Enterprise Office Head of LEO – Mary Fitzpatrick	
	Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board Chief Executive – Sean Ashe	Education and Training
	HSE Regional Director for Performance & Integration, Dublin Mid-Leinster – David Walsh	Health
	Tusla Child and Family Agency Area Manager Dublin South West, Kildare, West Wicklow – Patricia Finlay	Children, young people and families
NON-STATUTORY	County Kildare Leader Partnership Chairperson – Chris Byrne	Local Development
	Kildare Community and Voluntary Forum Chairperson – Anthony Egan Vice Chairperson – Dermot O’Donnell	Community Development
	Teach Dara Manager – Sarah Shakespeare	Community Development
	KARE CEO – Christy Lynch	Social Inclusion
	Peter McVerry Trust CEO – Pat Doyle	Social Inclusion
	An Taisce David Walsh (NUIM)	Environmental
	Irish Farmers Association Mary Waters	Farming
North Kildare Chamber CEO – Allan Shine	Business/Employers	