

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

Mr. Paul Skinnader  
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Dear Paul

At a recent meeting of Kildare LCDC SICAP sub group and County Kildare LEADER Partnership it was agreed that there are significant areas of work emerging that would benefit from additional SICAP funding. While it is very positive that the indicative budget of €1,020,227 has not reduced for 2017, Kildare SICAP would benefit from additional resource allocation to:

- A. Enable further development of existing SICAP programmes/supported interventions
- B. Enable new SICAP programmes/supported interventions to commence
- C. Enable a coherent response to the new area of work “children/young people in secondary school at risk of early school leaving.”

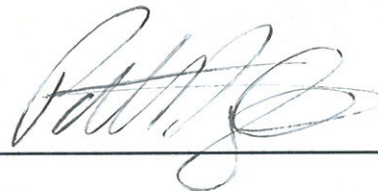
We are particularly keen that the response to children/young people in secondary school who are at risk, is properly resourced. Kildare has the highest level of young people aged 0-24 in the state at 77,832 (Census 2011). It also has one of the highest birth rates. Therefore, additional resource allocation would enable new and innovative approaches to the work, in conjunction with other partners through the Children and Young People’s Services Committee.

We are aware that additional resource provision for SICAP was made in the recent budget 2017 announcement. We are very open to discussing this further and thank you for all your support to date.

Yours sincerely



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& LCDC Chief Officer



Pat Doyle  
LCDC Member, CEO of Peter McVerry Trust  
& Chairperson of LCDC SICAP Sub group

cc Ian McCormack, Pobal Development Co-ordinator