

Meeting 28: Louth Local Development Offices, Haymarket, Drogheda

Friday 28th June 2024

A presentation was received from Louth Local Development Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) team who outlined the significant additional investment in and commitment to Drogheda as a result of the Drogheda Report Implementation Plan.

HSE Mental Health representation has been secured for both the Policing & Drugs and Family Support, Children, Young People and Education subgroups. The relevant representatives attended the June meetings of these subgroups.

The HSE confirm that funding is secured for Social Worker and Project Worker posts in the Red Door project to the end of 2026.

Drug Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement (DRIVE) post not filled. HSE, North East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force and Merchants Quay Ireland have reprofiled budget to increase salary costs. The post is being readvertised with a closing date of 10th July.

Louth Child and Young Persons Services Committee (CYPSC) have allocated funding to facilitate the continuation in the short term of counselling for children in primary schools on the southside of Drogheda previously funded through Drogheda Implementation Board. It is recognised that there is a need to mainstream such provision.

Louth ABC have secured funding to increase Home Visiting and Parent Child+ Programmes in Drogheda. It was noted that this area is comparatively under resourced in relation to early intervention provision.

Funding of €200k per annum has been allocated by Sport Ireland for a three-year period to resource staff costs under the Meath and Louth Sports Partnership Driving Change through Sport proposal for Drogheda and East Meath. Details to be finalised regarding the length of the project (which is a five year proposal) and programme / administrative costs.

Additional funding has been provided to Louth Local Development to support refurbishment works for Rathmullen Community House.

Requests for support in relation to applications to the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund were reviewed and endorsed.

An update was given regarding a review carried out by the Planet Youth working group established by the Policing & Drugs and Family Support, Children, Young People and Education subgroups. It was suggested that this could be included in the Louth Local Economic Community Plan (LECP).

A follow up 'Moneymore - This is Our Place' event is to be held in Drogheda Boxing Club on Tuesday 2nd July in collaboration with community organisations working in the area. The exercise is to support community members to identify needs for the area and actions that might be taken to respond to those needs.

Members noted that an expression of interest process for the role of Chair of Local Community Partnerships in both Louth and Meath has opened with a closing date of Monday 15th July.



The pending appointment of Grainne Berrill, Coordinator of the Drogheda Implementation Board to the post of Director of the National Office for Community Safety following a recruitment process was warmly welcomed by the Board.