

Local Community & Culture Strategic Policy Committee

Work Plan 2019 – 2024

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Age Friendly



Overview

The Age Friendly programme is now a national initiative working with the World Health Organisation initiative **“Towards an Age-friendly World”**

“A key strategy to facilitate the inclusion of older persons is to make our world more age-friendly. An age-friendly world enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities and treats everyone with respect, regardless of their age. It is a place that makes it easy for older people to stay connected to people that are important to them. And it helps people stay healthy and active even at the oldest ages and provides appropriate support to those who can no longer look after themselves”.

- WHO framework 8 thematic areas/ Positive Ageing Initiative
- Outdoor spaces & Buildings
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Respect & Social Inclusion
 - Social Participation
 - Communication & information
 - Civic Participation & Employment
 - Community Support & Health Service

Ireland became the first Age friendly country in the world in 2020.

Age Friendly Ireland

Main aim: To future proof key services and developments for ageing to allow people to age in place.

- Age Friendly Ireland Shared Service is hosted by Meath County Council.
- National programme oversees and supports 31 County & City Councils. Each one has an Age Friendly Strategy, Alliance, OPC, Programme manager and housing specialist.
- The Kildare Programme manager also supports the South East Regional county programmes: Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford & Wicklow.
- National Implementation group

Some Initiatives include

- Housing & Public realm training/AFI were involved in the development of the new “Housing Options for the ageing population” strategy with the Dept of Housing, Planning & Local Government.
- Healthy Ireland roll out.
- Supporting community elements of Slainte Care.

- Dementia awareness Campaign/Understanding together/National Safeguarding Committee for vulnerable adults etc.
- Developed some very good guidelines and tool kits on their website

National Policy

Key national policies which will under- pin the work include:

“Housing options for the ageing population”

Action: Key projects to be identified. Age Friendly Ireland are a key consultative body named in the programme for government.

“Slainte Care”.

Action:

Identifying projects to support community services and in particular creating communities to allow people Age in place and have real options to do so.

Healthy Ireland Framework 2013-2025:

Action:

Age Friendly Ireland working in partnership at national level with Slainte care and Healthy Ireland. Key projects to be identified and delivered.

“Kildare Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 - 2024” : Climate action will also be a key focus going forward in order to future proof for ageing to this end we will identify key projects for collaboration.

Kildare County Council Policy

Current policy

“Kildare Age Friendly County strategy 2019-2021”.

Overall Aim

"To make Ireland a great place in which to Grow old".

Kildare Age Friendly County Programme

The Kildare Alliance is overseeing the implementation of the strategy in partnership with key stakeholders and & Kildare Older Persons Council.

This is the 3rd Age Friendly Strategy for Kildare. During the consultation phase we consulted over 200 people in a two-year period. Older people identified the following key areas of concern, Health, Policing, Physical Fitness & Housing. A Multi agency action plan was then agreed and informed the strategy. There are **34 Aims & 55 Objectives** in the strategy to address these areas.

The New Older Persons Council was formed following their AGM. Induction training was completed, and the group are now fully engaged with the programme. They are the voice of older people for the county and have a seat on the national OPC executive.

Kildare Age Friendly County Programme Manager

Working under the direction and support of the Alliance. Implementing the current strategy and identifying gaps and needs and implementing national initiatives as required.

Key projects:

Athy Age Friendly town

Athy Primary Care Centre: To be the first Age Friendly PCC nationwide. Kildare led out on this and the Age Friendly Guidelines are completed and going to design/print. HSE using the checklist already for all future PCC's. Launch hopefully to be hosted later in the year when safe to do so.

Athy Library, Public Realm, Road improvements all linked into the Walkability audit.

Walkability audit completed. Report written up and audit process and report to be adapted as a national template to inform best practice across the country.

Implementation team to be set up in Athy in September. Working with the Municipal District manager to identify key stakeholders and then will develop terms of reference for the group to implement actions.

Age Friendly Business recognition scheme: LEO to roll this out with the support of the county program manager. Training has been completed with Age Friendly Ireland and Athy to be the first town to lead out on this.

Castlefen, Sallins/Age Friendly Estate. Walkability audit completed and report finalized. To be used as a model of good practice countywide and nationally.

Celbridge Age Friendly town: Widening process to embed AF principles following on from the successful roads/public realm initiatives. Town team to be established made up of key stakeholders.

Leixlip Age Friendly town: To commence process Autumn 2020

Some other practical Initiatives that have been delivered in Kildare include:

- Age Friendly towns/public realm/Car parking spaces
- Health & wellbeing initiatives/Fit Stix, Dementia awareness/Roadshows (2017 & 2018 over 200 people attended/Health & Wellbeing festival in the Curragh racecourse June 2019 lead by Kildare Sports Partnership over 400 in attendance.
- Naas was one of the first Age Friendly towns
- Mc Auley place in Naas model of good practice/Ageing in place
- Athy Primary Care Centre to be the first in the country. Kildare led out on the guidelines which will inform best practice to make all future PCC's across the country Age Friendly centres in partnership with the HSE.

Developing the Kildare Age Friendly County Strategy 2022-2024

Timeline

New strategy Consultations to commence mid-2021.

First draft to be ready by third quarter 2021

Present first draft to SPC November/December 2021.

Present to Corporate Policy Group December 2021

Present to full council early 2022.

The policy is usually developed in a three-year cycle which enables us to review and consult with older people more frequently. This timeline has worked well so far.

Libraries

Public Libraries in Ireland have an over-arching development plan *Our Public Libraries 2022*. Each Local Authority Library Service also have their own development plan: Kildare Library Services' current plan is *Ideas Realised 2014-2019*.

Library Development, LGMA are hoping to align the timeline of all LA library development plans to the national strategy, with this in mind, Kildare Library Service are currently in production for an interim two year plan, which will bring us in line with the current national strategy to 2022, and subsequent national strategy 2023-2027. **[Soft copies available upon request]**

As part of the national strategy, all local authority library services implement the *Right to Read Campaign: Supporting Literacy in the Local Authority**. This has four national programmes, Spring into Storytime, Summer Stars, Children's Book Festival and Family Time at Your Library. **[Soft copy available upon request]**

**This is not renewed on an annual basis, though national programmes have annual targets which must be met in order for the Local Authority to receive the annual Right to Read Award*

Acquisition and de-selection of library material is governed by our *Library Collection Development Policy 2019**. **[Soft copy available upon request]**

**This policy is not renewed on an annual basis but updated in line with current national & international standards.*

Kildare Culture and Creative Strategy 2018-2022 **[Soft copy available upon request]**

Kildare County Council Decade of Centenaries Plan 2020 **[Soft copy available upon request]**

A Disaster Prevention Plan is also in place for our Local History and Archives section, this is currently in draft form and can be forwarded to the SPC on completion.

Parks

Overview

The Parks Section is responsible for the design planning and management of parks and open spaces in the county. Our works also includes the planning design and maintenance of playgrounds in the county. There are 20 parks varying in size from 0.5acres to 40 acres in the county. There are 27 playgrounds. New parks are planned for Cherry Avenue in Kildare Town, Sallins Amenity Land and Carton Avenue in Maynooth. New playgrounds are currently planned for Castledermot, Prosperous & Allenwood.

Strategies / Policies:

- Liffey Valley Strategy (2006) Kildare Play Strategy 2018-2028
- Open Space Strategy and Tree Policy in 2022.

[Soft copies available upon request]

Twinning / Integration / Roma Traveller Strategy / Community Development:

Twinning:

Twinning can be defined as a coming together of two communities/regions seeking to strengthen or develop common interests including education, economic development, arts/culture, tourism, sports and community. We have many strong twinning committees around the county who are twinned with towns and cities in America, England, Wales, France and Germany. Kildare twinning policy will be reviewed in 2021. If updates are deemed to be required, the updated document will be sent for input from and approval of the SPC.

Integration:

Kildare County Council and County Kildare LEADER Partnership, with the support of other agencies, is developing a second Integration Strategy. This County Kildare Integration Strategy builds on the first strategy which covered the period 2014 – 2019.

According to Census 2016, more than 10% of Kildare's population are of migrant origin. We are currently in a consultative process to gather information for our new strategy. In this survey, integration refers to an individual participating fully in Irish society, while still valuing his/her own cultural identity. This consultation aims to understand how best to support integration when delivering services and working in communities. I hope to bring the new strategy to SPC in Q2 of 2021.

Traveller Roma Inclusion Strategy 2019-2023 Implementation:

Kildare is the first county in Ireland to develop an Inclusion Strategy for Traveller and Roma communities who experience high degrees of exclusion and disadvantage in Irish society. The Development of the Strategy was led by Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), managed by County Kildare LEADER Partnership and Kildare Traveller Roma Interagency Steering Group. Funding for the development of the Strategy was made available by Kildare County Council and by County Kildare LEADER Partnership under the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP). Kildare Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2019 – 2023 offers an ambitious series of actions across agreed strategic priorities that, collectively, will lead to delivery of positive outcomes for the Traveller and Roma communities. I continue to work with implementation group to ensure this strategy is implemented.

Community Development:

On-going work within our Local Authority estates with our Community Workers providing support where necessary to help build long lasting communities. This includes Pride of Place awards, Community Awards, Youth Endeavour awards, training, engaging with other agencies where required and the overseeing of community facilities.

Community Administration

- Administer community, festival, residents' associations and education bursaries grants schemes
- Administer LPT grant awards as decided by councillors
- Provide assistance to Sports Partnership, Age-Friendly, LCDC, Community Development and other community section-based sectors as required
- Adoption of Grants Schemes policy (currently with Corporate Policy Group)
- Online grant applications process- design and implement
- Publication of all grant awards on KCC website- investigate
- Quarterly Joint Policing Committee meetings (with associated local Garda meetings for all five MDs)
- Quarterly Strategic Policy Committee meetings for Community & Cultural SPC

Arts Service:

The Arts Service work programme for the next 5 years prioritises

- Supporting artists and developing arts infrastructure in the county (through grants, bursary awards, commissions, professional development, training and mentoring opportunities and by supporting arts resource organisations)
- Arts, Health and Wellbeing
- Young People, Children and Education (including youth theatre and young filmmakers)
- Dance (including dance and health)
- Music (with priority for supporting the roll-out of Kildare Music Generation)
- Literature (including Writer in Residence programmes with Maynooth University)
- Film (including Kildare Short Grass Film commission)
- Culture Night

The path to find the Kildare's Arts Strategy 2018-2022 is below. Updates will be provided to the SPC as required

<http://www.kildare.ie/ArtsService/PoliciesandPublications/KildareArtsStrategy.pdf>

The Music Generation programme is housed within KWETB but is heavily supported by KCC. The initial programme will be rolled out from autumn 2020. I would recommend that Kildare's Music Generation Development Officer, Alan Costello is invited to present to the SPC in the coming months.

Below is the path to find an important Indecon research project that KCC was involved with, which examines Kildare's Arts, Health and Wellbeing programme. (Please note this is for information only - no action is required)

<http://www.kildare.ie/ArtsService/PoliciesandPublications/LocalAuthorityArtsServiceResearchProjectForDownload.pdf>

Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)



1. Overview

The Local Government Act 2014 provided for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) in all local authorities nationally.

They replaced County Development Boards (CDB) and have an enhanced role and different structure.

The Local Government Act gives legislative effect to the commitments in *Putting People First*.

Kildare LCDC was established in May 2014 in line with national directives. Kildare LCDC is a 19-member committee.

LCDC's bring together local authority members and officials, state agencies, voluntary sector organisations and local community interests.

Their role is to plan and implement agreed approaches to local and community development.

Key aspects of this role include:

- A more strategic, joined up approach to local and community development
- Oversight and responsibility for local and community development related funding in the county
- The development of a six year **Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2016-2021**. To agree the strategic framework for economic and community development for the county
- The LECP informs community and local development, resource allocation and informs other planning processes
- **Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)**. The second iteration of SICAP 2018-2022 is currently being implemented by County Kildare LEADER Partnership (CKLP) on behalf of the LCDC. The SICAP budget is circa €1.1m annually. This programme is funded by the EU and the Exchequer
- **SICAP aims to** reduce poverty and promote social inclusion and equality through supporting communities and individuals using community development approaches.
- **Rural Development LEADER Programme (LEADER) 2014-2020**. CKLP are the operating partners. The budget for the programme is €5,261,600. This is an EU funded programme.

- **LEADER aims** to promote and support sustainable rural development through three programme themes: i) Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation, ii) Social Inclusion and iii) Rural Environment
- **Healthy Ireland Programme-** Kildare LCDC is currently overseeing the third Healthy Ireland Programme 2019-2021 (18-month programme). This is funded through the Dept of Health and the budget for Kildare is €374,100
- **Healthy Ireland aims** to support local and national organisations to deliver actions that will improve health and wellbeing in line with *Healthy Ireland, A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025*.
- **Data collection-** Kildare LCDC has worked closely with the All Island Research Observatory (AIRO) in Maynooth University, to gather, analyse and collate data. The AIRO Census 2016 reports for Kildare have underpinned a number of application processes in the county
- Specific grant schemes- LCDCs have been charged with informing, overseeing and administering funding targeting the community. One example is the **Community Enhancement Programme (CEP)** which aims to support local communities progress small scale capital projects. The budget for CEP in 2020 is € 247.800
- **Establishing the Covid 19 Community Response Forum-** The LCDC were the basis for this Forum, building on the collaborative work to engage with other partners to respond to community support for Covid 19
- **Oversee and support multi agency strategies and approaches** e.g. Kildare Traveller and Roma Interagency Strategy launched 2019, commencing updated Integration strategy

2. List of current policies / strategies /plans

- Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021
- SICAP Plan 2018-2022
- Rural Development LEADER plan 2014-2020
- Traveller and Roma Integration Strategy 2019-2023
- Kildare Census Reports (AIRO reports) 2016

Available at <http://www.kildarelcdc.ie/publications-links/>

3. Any new policies / strategies / plans you expect to bring to the SPC during this committee's tenure

- Kildare Healthy Ireland Plan work commencing late 2020 for completion mid 2021
- Updated Census reports (following next Census)
- Integration Strategy (plan to commence 2020 however likely delay due to Covid 19)
- New Local Economic Community Plan post 2021 (however no details or indication of process from national level)
- New Rural Development LEADER Programme post 2020 (however no details or indication of process from national level)
- New SICAP plan post 2022 (however no details or indication of process from national level)

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Sports Partnership

Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021 can be found by path detailed below:

<http://www.kildare.ie/kildaresp/StrategicPlan2017-2021/KSP%20Strategic%20Plan%20201721%20pdf%20version.pdf>

Operational Plan 2017 – 2021 is attached.