

Kilkenny PPN Representative Report on Committee Meeting

Reporting Representatives Name: Paul O’Rahilly

Committee: LCDC Committee

Date: 24th July 2026

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Online

Were you in attendance at the last Committee meeting? Yes

Did you consult with your Linkage Group /Wider PPN prior to this meeting? Yes

Please outline the Key Issues discussed at the meeting?

After welcoming new LCDC member Amanda Quigley, who represents the Kilkenny Family Resource Centres, and approving the minutes of the previous meeting, there were four presentations

- Oversight and implementation of the Local and Economic Community Plan
- Update on Review and Monitoring of LECP Implementation Plan 2025-2026
- SICAP Mid Year Review
- Local Update on Enhancement Grant 2026

LECP Main Points

Aileen and Ann Marie provided summary of feedback received

Aileen thanked Kelly for securing information

This is the second biennial implementation plan of the LECP, consisting of 10 goals, for the period 2023 to 2028

The old spreadsheet has been replaced with an online system to gather information more efficiently and the new online system can be accessed through the consult.ie platform.

Aileen summarised goals 1 to 6 the economic component.

Ann Marie covered goals 7 through 10, community.

Aileen outlined vision and focused on economic goals

Within goals 1 through 6, there are 77 actions:

Aileen reported on the completed actions ongoing actions and actions not yet started

The majority of actions are ongoing with some completed and one not started

Martin Rochford enquired if there would be a joint meeting with SPC1. Aileen will revert with date.

Within Goals 7 through 10 there are 43 actions:

Again, the majority of actions are ongoing and some complete

Ann Marie talked through some specific completed actions

She was positive about the new online reporting process

Angela Hayes acknowledged value of out of hours support in relation to Croker's Hill

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SICAP – Mid Year Review

Teresa outlined the Mid Year Review

The review is based on Information gleaned from POBAL and IRIS

Teresa provided a financial summary and went through the KPIs for each goal.

SICAP supports a variety of community initiatives across many areas from new arrivals to travellers to areas of deprivation

Teresa advised that Pobal review was satisfactory and that all targets are expected to be achieved by the end of the year. Teresa recommended the LCDC accept the report.

Dearbhla Howley suggested a review by action would be helpful. Teresa agreed to forward further details.

Proposed: Angela Hayes

Seconded: Aileen

Update on Local Enhancement Grant Scheme

A summary of recipients and grant amounts awarded was shared with the LCDC.

Ann Marie reported this had been approved by the Department on July 2nd

Successful applicants have been notified.

This year, recipients must spend money in advance and submit receipts before payment

Are there any actions to be taken as result of this meeting? Who by?

Yes.

Further documents were shared with the members after the meeting

- LECP Monitoring Report
- List of approved LCDC Local Enhancement Grants 2026
- Action Progress Report SICAP Mid Year 2026

Did you or another make PPN rep any contributions to this meeting?

Yes. Liam Kelly presented the PPN Report

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PPN continued to strengthen its reach and representation across the county, with membership now reaching 518

PPN actively promoted the newly established Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)

publication of the PPN's new Social Inclusion Plan, which is now available on the PPN website

PPN currently developing a comprehensive Training and Capacity Building Programme

PPN encouraged submissions on Lacken House and SUMP schemes

PPN Social Inclusion linkage group made a submission to the of the County's new Kilkenny Arts Strategy

PPN plans to host a series of informal Coffee Mornings around the county to build connections

Do you require feedback from the wider PPN/Linkage group on any issues raised? (Specify issue)

Comments welcome on the content of this report

Are there any issues/difficulties for you as a representative of the PPN arising from this meeting?

No

Date of Next Meeting: Friday, September 25th 2026

Any other comments:

None

Signed

Signature: *PO'R*

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