

Fingal PPN Representative Report Template

The following is a report compiled by Fingal PPN Representatives. The report is a concise and interpreted view of issues discussed. Please contact your representative for further information

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Name of Committee Attended	Arts, Culture, Heritage, & Community SPC.
Date of the Meeting	Monday, 26 September, 2016.
Report Compiled by	Lorcan Blake.
Items discussed at the meeting	<p>*A full break-down of the Sports Funding Budget for 2015 was presented by Marion Brown, Principal Sports Officer to the SPC, as requested by our Linkage Group. Details of the break-down report is featured on the website. Total Sports Programme Funding amounted to E118, 900 in 2015, with a further E74,200 for Sports Subsidy Grants. Sports Funding in 2016 is following a similar pattern, together with the provision of a Subsidy Grant Budget of E100, 000. All clubs/ groups/ associations seeking grant funding are encouraged to work with their designated FCC community development officer(s) for guidelines and assistance.</p> <p>*An update on our Linkage Group request for a streamlined online grant/ funding application process was provided by Pat Queenan, Principal Community Officer. Preparatory work is advancing, including co-ordination across all grant areas, i.e. sport, arts and community, supplemented by a comprehensive criteria guideline. The online grant application system is expected to be in place by end 2016 or latest early 2017. In the meantime, hard copy of application forms and criteria, where required, can be downloaded from the www.fingal.ie website.</p> <p>*Pat Queenan, Principal Community Officer, presented a comprehensive overview of the wide-ranging activities of the Community Development Office, which has a budgetary provision of c. E2.5 million for 2016. The presentation included its Strategic Plan 2010-2015/17, its Key Priorities, funding for Community and Voluntary Groups, and Facilities Funding Schemes. The establishment of and support for our FPPN is provided from this Office. Because of time constraints it was agreed to carry over questions/ clarifications on this presentation to the next SPC meeting on 20 Dec. Community Office presentation featured on the website.</p> <p>*Rory O'Byrne, FCC County Arts Officer informed the SPC that The City and County Managers Association, chaired by Paul Reid, FCC CEO, has entered into a collaboration with The Arts Council of Ireland on the future direction and strategy of Art Policy in Ireland. This can only be positive, if co-directed correctly, given that the joint art budgets of the Council and</p>

	<p>the Local Authorities amounts to c. E85m annually.</p> <p>*Councillor Adrien Henchy's motion that the Council develop a model of best practice around the organisation of local and regional festivals was well received & supported by the SPC with the intention of having a uniform approach to matters such as event management, insurance and also to the provision of training & upskilling of volunteers working within festival committees. This was a matter of particular interest raised by John Harford of the Blanchardstown Brass Band at the last Linkage Group meet in the context of the recent Malahide Marching Band event.</p>
<p>Issues brought forward by the PPN Representatives (if any)*</p> <p>*JPC to report information according to areas: <i>Castleknock/ Mukhuddart, Howth/ Malahide, Swords/ Balbriggan</i></p>	<p>*Having highlighted the rel. small % of all budgets devoted to grant aid (5% community, 4.2% arts and 14% sport), the PPN rep. was advised that should demand exceed provision, accommodation would be found.</p> <p>*While not in the current criteria, it was agreed and confirmed to the PPN rep. that %'s and max. grant levels in both designated & non-designated areas will be included in the general criteria for grant applications going forward.</p> <p>*The FPPN rep. advised that a work shop/ presentation on the organisation of community events will take place in the Balbriggan Town Hall on Wed. 5 Oct. from 7.00pm to 9.30pm. While more information is required on this work shop/ presentation it may very well address many of the concerns recently raised by John Harford of the Blanchardstown Brass Band.</p>
<p>Key Decisions Made</p>	<p>*The SPC agreed, following discussion, to request effectively a doubling of the Sports Funding Budget to E200, 000 in 2017 to meet growing Sports Funding demand while also recognising staff constraints.</p> <p>*It was agreed, at the request of the PPN rep., that the Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2017 would be on the agenda for the next SPC meet on 20 Dec. and that sight of the plan would be available for the preparatory Linkage Group meeting.</p> <p>* It was advised that a week-end work shop on event management will take place in Feb. 2017 to address the legitimate and wide spread issues raised in the motion by Councillor Adrian Henchy.</p>
<p>Issues of interest to/ to be raised with the Linkage Group/ PPN members</p>	<p>*The Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2017.</p> <p>*Questions/ Clarifications which the Linkage Group may wish to raise on the activities of the Community Development Office, which was deferred from last SPC meeting.</p> <p>*Heritage matters of importance to our Linkage Group as the activities of The Heritage Office are scheduled for the next SPC meet on 20 Dec.</p> <p>*Any motion which the Linkage Group would wish to have on</p>

	the SPC agenda.
Any other comments	