

Local Community Development Committees

Functions, Structures and Supports



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Role of LAs in local and community development



Vision for Local Government

Local government will be the main vehicle of governance and public service at local level - leading economic, social and community development, delivering efficient and good value services, and representing citizens and local communities effectively and accountably

- Long history of involvement in community initiatives and service provision, i.e. libraries, leisure, recreation, arts etc.
- Strategic leadership role in *Putting People First*
- Stronger focus on local and community development
- Alignment of community sector with LA structures



Why were LCDCs established



- Address governance deficit
- Local Authorities to have a more central role in oversight, coordination and planning of local and community development programmes
- A more joined-up approach to service delivery at local level
- Greater efficiency and effectiveness in publicly funded programmes
- Identify priorities and solutions, match resources to priorities and make best use of local resources
- Better services for citizens and communities



What is a Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)



- Committee of the Local Authority
- Independent in performance of its functions and decision making
- Specific, independent exercisable powers and functions - Section 128A of Local Government Reform Act 2014
- Membership typically 17-19, drawn from public and private sectors
- Balance of membership weighted in favour of the private sector
- 3-4 elected members on all LCDCs

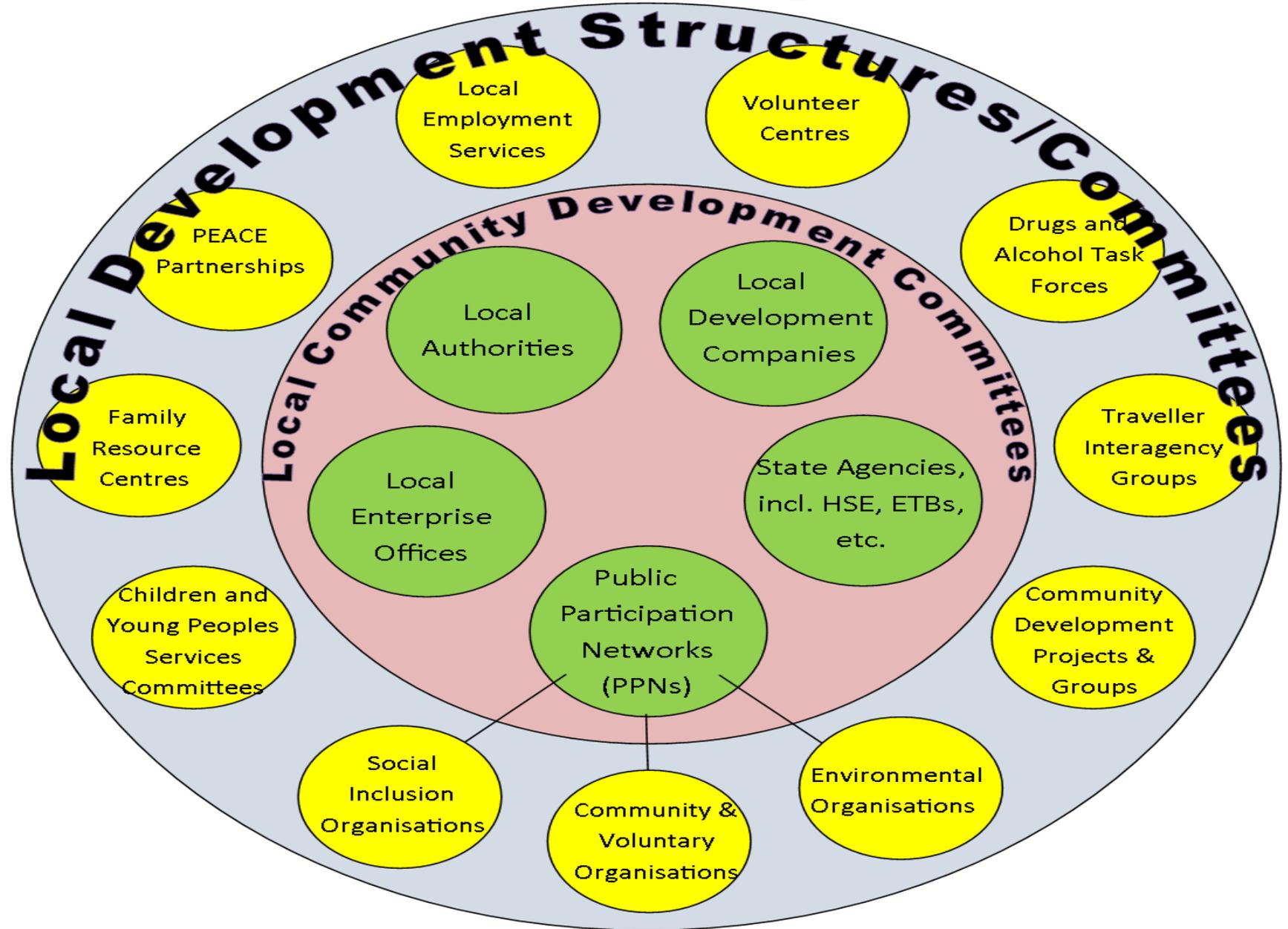


Typical LCDC Membership (based on 19 members)

<u>Public Members</u> (max 9)		<u>Private Members</u> (min 10)	
LA Elected Members	3-4	Local & Community Development Bodies	1-3
Local Authority Officials	2	Community & Voluntary (nominated through PPN)	5
Public authorities (typically HSE, DSP,ETB)	3-4	Other local interests (Business, Farming etc.)	2-4

Chairperson elected by the Committee (33 LCDCs, 15 chaired by Elected Members)

LCDC Landscape



Purpose and Functions of LCDCs (1)



- Bring all actors together to ensure a **stronger** and **more strategic** focus on local and community development
- Build a true partnership approach at local level, comprising local authorities, State and non-State local development agencies, community and voluntary organisations and other representatives of civil society
- Manage and oversee implementation of local and community development programmes (own and others’)
- Provide for meaningful citizen engagement in planning, delivery and evaluation of programmes



Purpose and Functions of LCDCs (2)



- Co-ordination, planning and oversight of local development spend
- Match resources to priorities
- More joined-up approach to implementation of programmes at local level
- Pursue more cost efficient administration of programmes, and VFM in management and delivery of programmes
- Pursue opportunities for additional funding for the area



Current Work Programme



- Developing the community elements of the Local Economic and Community Plans (LECP)
 - Working closely with local statutory structures, communities and committees to identify local priorities.
- Managing delivery of SICAP
- LEADER programme 2014-2020 – seeking to be LAG
- Developing capacity of members for full breadth of functions
- Identify other sources of funding



Role of Elected Members on LCDCs



- Governance, monitoring, oversight responsibilities
 - LCDC and LA delivery
 - State agencies and others delivering services locally
- Represent the views of the full council
- Represent the needs of communities in relation to local and community development needs
- Elected members critical to targeting of resources and delivery of services
- Bring a strategic view and oversight of local and community development needs



Supports (1)



Chief Officer

- Supports and assists the LCDC and works with the Chairperson to provide guidance and strategic direction to the LCDC

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- Conduit for ongoing dialogue with local communities
- Facilitates input by communities into decision making on local and community development funding



Supports (2)



Public Sector Agencies

- Cross-government support to local and community development
- Facilitate interagency working and collaboration
- Protocol for engagement with broad range of other structures and committees e.g. CYPSCs, Traveller Interagency Groups, Drugs and Alcohol Task Forces

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- Technical advice and support, e.g. programme delivery and management matters



Thank You



Questions after Coffee

