

Agenda Item 3ii: Economic Development & Enterprise SPC 14th Sept 2021:

Report Motion received from Cllr Sophie Nicoullaud, Dublin City Council to support the motion under Agenda Item 3ii

The Department of Social Protection have advised that Local Employment Services and jobs club contracts for 2022 will be rolled into a publicly advertised tender on a cost bid model for 2022.

Dublin City Council has four Local Development Companies providing Local Employment Services and Job Clubs:

- Dublin North West Area Partnership in Finglas,
- Dublin South City Partnership in Crumlin,
- Dublin City Community Co-op in the inner city and
- Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership CLG in Ballyfermot.

The LDCs is to provide quality guidance, employment, wellbeing and lifelong learning support services including self-employment to individuals who are seeking to enter or re-enter the labour market. They increase employment and life options for local people. They work collaboratively with community and statutory agencies to ensure that individuals who are distanced from opportunity due to marginalization are supported to reach their full potential.

The ILD Network of the 4 LDCs in Dublin propose an area-based Employment Service model that is embedded in their community. The current system is a cost met model of contract. It offers community-based employment services which provide certainty in service provision for all jobseekers, the capacity to cater for jobseekers in Dublin and equity in access for jobseekers in all areas of the City. In addition to career guidance expertise the ILD include key capacities in mental health and wellbeing supports, family supports, education and self-employment expertise and LDCs have a key strength in addressing inequalities. At present the ILD offer a holistic solution to building career path which helps their customers to move forward in accessing job market and finding employment.

LDCs are currently closely engaged with jobseekers through the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme, Jobs Clubs, BTWEA and Tus. They benefit from best practice sharing and networking to existing Local Employment Services operators through the ILDN network.

Through their strong linkages with employers, training agencies, community groups and state agencies, as well as their local community base and not-for-profit nature, LDC also adhere to the Guiding Principles of the Labour Market Advisory Council's Policy Paper 'Preparing for Economic Recovery.

A stakeholders forum should be established to research, identify and create a model of employment services that is person and community focussed. It should be given a budget & secretariat and a year to issue a its final report .

It should be constituted from those who have significant expertise and knowledge of the needs of those most distant from the labour force:

Agencies who represents those living in poverty

- Vincent de Paul
- TASC

Agencies who have unique insights into the needs of those groups considerably distant from economic opportunity

- National Traveller and Roma organisations such as ITM
- lone parents' organisations,
- women's organisation like MWCI
- INOU

Service providers:

- Local Development Companies
- Intreo

State:

- Department of Social Protections
- Labour Market Council

Employer organisations:

- IBEC
- Small firms Association

Academia

NUI Maynooth

Other 3rd level institutes with experience in public employment services research