

North East Inner City Initiative: Meeting Note

Programme Implementation Board

Location: Ballybough Community Youth and Fitness Centre
Time and time: 8.00am, 2 nd August 2017
Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Caitriona O’Brien (DES), Denis Breen (DOT), David Dillon (DSP), Conor Rowley (DCYA), Fergus McCabe (NICCC), Irene Crawley (NICCC), Chief Superintendent Sean Ward (Garda Síochána), Brendan Kenny (DCC), Karl Mitchell (DCC), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), Clare Butler (DOT/Programme Office), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).
Apologies: Feargal O’Rourke (PwC)

1. Note of previous meeting was approved.

2. Sub Group Reports

Group 1 – Crime and Drugs.

- Chief Superintendent Sean Ward (Garda Síochána) has agreed to chair this group
- Group will meet before the end of August.
- 16 new Gardaí have been assigned to the area, additional numbers expected in September.
- Letter to be sent to Garda Commissioner re additional Garda numbers. (M. Stone)
- While Fitzgibbon St Station is being refurbished over the period ahead. Sub Office has had some refurbishment and there is an improved public office.
- Sean Ward to follow up with colleague re process to install CCTV cameras. Gardaí and DCC to discuss further.
- Mobile Police Unit was discussed – meeting agreed that this would make a positive contribution to community policing. Sean Ward to follow up on cost and advise the Chair.
- Additional location for CCTV suggested – Junction of Rutland St and Sean O’Casey Avenue – it was agreed to add this to the list for formal approval.

Group 2 – Employment, Training and Education

- Group met on 27th July
- Caitriona O’Brien (DES), chairperson, presented a report of the meeting.
- Membership of group to be finalised – Business nominee required.
- DEIS network among local schools to be established – September ‘17
- Criminal records can be a barrier to employment – discussion noted wider work re Spent Convictions Act and minor drug offences.
- Chair requested information – Numbers in Post Primary schools, Numbers in Transition Year, Numbers going to Third level, Numbers not completing 2nd Level.

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- Local Construction Skills course started 31st July with 11 participants.

Group 3 – Family, Children and Youth Services.

- Group met on 28th July
- Conor Rowley (DCYA) presented a report to the meeting
- Families in temporary accommodation – challenge for community services is to work with clubs/groups in the area to engage with this group and involve them in their activities.
- Undocumented youth can be very isolated – need to improve supports for this group.
- Good facilities in the area are underutilised, swimming pool/gyms etc, challenge is to find ways to maximise use especially by community and youth groups.
- Late Night Leagues have proved very successful – this to be replicated and look to expand to other activities.

Group 4 – Physical Refurbishment

- Brendan Kenny (DCC) has agreed to chair this group.
- Group will meet before the end of August.
- Brief update of some developments in the area was provided
 - Rutland St School – stress testing of floors ongoing
 - Aldborough House – planning application was lodged on 19th July 2017.
 - St Mary's Mansions – De-tenanting almost complete. Construction work due to commence in October.
 - Croke Villas – demolition on site underway
 - Convent Lands – tender process ongoing in relation to sale of this site.
 - Ballybough House complex – Some precinct improvement works have been carried out. Further works including 2 into 1 project underway.
- Litter and illegal dumping remains an ongoing major issue in the area.
- Vacant properties – Gardaí have list from Small Area Policing Initiative and will discuss with DCC.
- M. Stone to contact ESB Networks re railings on Sean McDermott St.

3. Funding

- The list of funding proposals for 2017 as circulated was agreed and DCC will submit request for release of funds.
- The Board agreed that the process for 2018 funding will be undertaken earlier and will be informed by the work and recommendations of the four sub groups.
- The Chairperson reiterated that any funding provided will require clear KPI's and a report to detail exactly what has been achieved with the funding.

4. Community Consultative forum

- Public engagement process – Target for September – Programme Office for follow up
- Group to remain Community Focussed
- Chairperson to meet Public Reps regularly.

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- Communication strategy to be developed – Programme Office for discussion
 - Minutes of meetings – where do we publish – Programme Office for discussion
5. AOB.
- Terms of Reference for Board and Sub Groups to be finalised at next meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday 30th August @ 8am

Venue: St Laurence O’Toole Centre, Sheriff Street.

Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

	What	Who
1.	Letter to Garda Commissioner re additional numbers	Chair
2.	Update on CCTV installations	Sean Ward + DCC
3.	Costing for Mobile Garda unit	Sean Ward
4.	Numbers in Post Primary schools, Numbers in Transition Year, Numbers going to Third level, Numbers not completing 2 nd Level.	Caitriona O’Brien
5.	Late Night Leagues	Karl Mitchell
6.	Contact ESB re Railings on Sean McDermott St	Chair
7.	Follow up on Business reps for Sub Groups	Chair
8.	Compile list of vacant properties	Gardaí + DCC
9.	Public Engagement Process	Programme Office
10.	Submit request for release of funds	DCC