

North East Inner City Initiative: Meeting Note

Programme Implementation Board

Location: St. Laurence O'Toole Centre, Sheriff Street, D1.

Time and date: 8.00am, 30th August 2017

Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Caitriona O'Brien (DES), Denis Breen (DOT), Feargal O'Rourke (PwC), 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: David Dillon (DSP)

1. Note of previous meeting was approved.
2. The Chair welcomed Feargal O'Rourke (PwC) appointed as the business representative to the group.
3. Terms of Reference for PIB was circulated – revisions in relation to vision, inclusivity and no substitutes were agreed. Revisions to TOR for Sub Groups agreed in line with these changes and revised documents to be circulated for final agreement at next meeting.

3. Sub Group Reports

Group 1 – Crime and Drugs.

- Group met on 23rd August with positive input from all at meeting
- Key Issues identified by the group include:
 - Increase high visibility policing.
 - Improve relations between Gardaí and local youth.
 - Action required to tackle the sale of tablets.
 - Linkages and Liaison between the various drug treatment centres is necessary.
- Progress on CCTV
- Submission received re Drug Relating Intimidation Programme, chair of the sub group to follow up.
- Proposal re Mobile Police Unit has been submitted to Garda Commissioner.
- Offer of training for Gardaí on referrals to addiction services was made by community rep.
- Sub group members have been requested to submit views, recommendations and proposals in respect of action plan to the chair.
- Awaiting approval to increase number of Drugs Squad officers.

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Group 2 – Employment, Training and Education

- Group met on 28th August
- Presentation from David Treacy ETB on *Patchwork to Network* report.
- Business in the Community rep has joined the group.
- Higher Ed nominee Identified – will attend next meeting.
- Business rep to be finalised by PIB chair shortly.
- DEIS schools network – meeting scheduled for 30th September '17
- Highlighted importance of early guidance role in subject choice for future career paths and incentivising training with real employment offers, tailored to the needs of target groups and the skills needs of businesses.
- PIB Chair requested information – Numbers in Post Primary schools, Numbers in Transition Year, Numbers going to Third level, Numbers not completing 2nd Level, children attending schools outside the area.

Group 3 – Family, Children and Youth Services.

- Group met on 25th August
- Sub- Group established to explore configuration and composition of proposed HUB.
- Sub- Group established to develop tender Specifications for the development of an integrated service map and delivery framework (re actions 1.10 and 3.7)
- Build on work of Dublin CYPSC's on compilation of "what works here Hub" – Action 3.16
- Importance of transparency and fairness regarding provision and allocation of funding.

Group 4 – Physical Refurbishment

- Group met 16th August
- Membership to be finalised – An Garda Síochána, Community Rep, 1 other
- Sean Reilly – business rep to join this group
- Update on developments:
 - Rutland St School – survey work nearing completion- City architects report including costing – available end Sept.
 - Aldborough House – planning application was lodged to DCC on 19th July 2017..
 - Mountjoy Sq Park – work being carried out on a phased basis.
 - Convent Lands – tender process for sale of site nearing completion.
 - Sheriff St Lifting Bridge – Tender process complete. Work due to start Sept/Oct '17.
- Ballybough Road Resurfacing completed
- Derelict Sites – being pursued by DCC
- Public Lighting Upgrade – to be completed by year end.
- Sunflower Recycling engaged on environmental awareness and maintenance
- NEIC Greening strategy (phase 1) to include upgrade of Diamond Park playground
- Work to commence on ESB Networks railings on Sean McDermott St. – Sept '17.
- Lourdes Daycare Centre extension – process ongoing.
- Partnership with Dublin Canvas Community Art Projects re hoardings and blank walls.

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- ❖ Chair requested all sub groups to closely monitor progress on 2017 funding to ensure timely delivery of measures and draw down of funding. Sub Group chairs to include this as part of future reports.
- ❖ Board noted the importance that this work links closely with work of other local structures such as Local Drugs Task Force and Children Services Committees.
- ❖ Real need expressed for Drugs Education workers to work closely with local schools – this is an issue for local schools network and advanced with LDTF.
- ❖ Given the HSE has an important role in many issues cutting across the work of various sub groups it was suggested Dept. of an Taoiseach might seek a suitable senior representative.
- ❖ Halloween – Planning is at an advanced stage for a community Halloween Festival – “The Big Scream”. A festival Director was engaged in April 2017 to work on the festival programme and production. An experienced Event Management Company has been engaged to prepare a detailed event management plan in consultation with relevant statutory agencies, Community groups and Gardaí.
- ❖ Convent Lands – great sensitivities surround this site, any development should include a proper memorial and employment opportunities arising should be made available to locals.
- ❖ Major problem with dumping and rubbish – change of culture required over the long term
- ❖ Potential for improvement works alongside the canal – explore further with Dublin Docklands and Waterways Ireland.

4. Funding 2018

- A submission will be required
- The Chair requested the 4 sub group chairs to raise it with their groups.
- What are real actions that we can achieve
- Budget to do it
- Keep it simple
- Should be prepared for presenting in early October.

5. Community Engagement

- Public engagement – Event planned for 19th October 17.
- Time 3pm to 8pm. Venue to be agreed.
- Target – all members of the public, community groups, local reps etc.
- Format – open room format with table for each sub-group for attendees to meet members and talk about issues.
- Newsletter to issue two weeks prior to event to advise the public.

6. AOB.

Challenges for business rep

- Importance of businesses connecting with and being an active part of the community.
- Get companies to commit time and resource on a coordinated basis.
- Provide a pathway to further education and real job opportunities.
- Create role models for young people to emulate.
- Commit to provide job for locals

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- Business event planned for Tuesday 5th September in Department of Finance

Next meeting: 27th September 2017 @ 8am

Venue: TBC

Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

	What	Who
1.	Meet with Local Drugs Task Force	Chair + MOR
2.	Update on CCTV installations	Sean Ward
3.	Identify HSE Rep	Denis Breen
4.	Compile stats in relation to schools	Caitriona O'Brien
5.	Follow up on English language Need and numbers	Fergus McCabe
6.	Follow up with Iarnrod Eireann re Bridges	MOR
7.	Map public lighting completed	Programme Office
9.	Public Engagement Process	Programme Office