

North East Inner City Initiative: Meeting Note

Programme Implementation Board

Location: Larkin Community College, Champions Ave, Cathal Brugha St, D1.
Time and date: 8.00am, 27 th September 2017
Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Feargal O’Rourke (PwC), Conor Rowley (DCYA), Fergus McCabe (NICCC), Irene Crawley (NICCC), Superintendent Gerry Murphy (Garda Síochána), Brendan Kenny (DCC), David Dillon (DSP) , Denis Breen (DOT) Clare Butler (DOT/Programme Office), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).
Apologies: Caitriona O’Brien (DES), Chief Superintendent Sean Ward (Garda Síochána), Karl Mitchell (DCC), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office)

1. Note of previous meeting was approved.

2. Terms of Reference for PIB + Sub Groups as circulated were agreed.

3. Sub Group Reports

Group 1 – Crime and Drugs.

- Group met on 22th September
- Additional CCTV locations have been approved at Joint Policing Council (JPC)
- Proposal has now to go to Garda CCTV Committee for approval
- Gardaí are liaising with DCC on locations re any works to be undertaken.
- Mobile Unit has support of Asst Commissioner – proposal is now with Garda hierarchy for approval.
- Proposal form National Family Support Network was discussed by the sub group and recommended funding of €13,000 towards initiative to address intimidation in NEIC area:
 - Design and print 5000 - €3,500
 - Research programme - €6,000
 - Seminar - €3,500

This recommendation was approved by the PIB.

- Approval has been to hold a competition to increase the Divisional Drugs Unit by 5 members.
- Trina O’Connor has been nominated as a community rep on to this sub group. One further community nominee is awaited.
- Proposed to hold a daylong seminar on Nov 2nd for sub group members to discuss submissions and appropriate recommendations made to PIB.

Group 2 – Employment, Training and Education

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- Group met on 12th September
- Mapping of services ongoing – waiting for ETB to complete
- Awaiting nomination of Business rep to organise Learning and employment forum.
- Business rep for group – Gina Quin (National College of Ireland) - confirmed
- Higher Education access – currently drawing together the players.
- Meeting held with group of new communities reps.
 - Need for English Language training identified – for work, education and social interactions
 - Seminar proposed to bring groups together to identify need
 - Looking for specific ideas
 - Need for opportunities for people to engage to promote wider community interaction.
 - Should plan now for next summer English language provision
 - 300 currently in direct provision in the area
- Possible spend of **€10k in 2017** (of €40K in budget) on English language – need to decide on what specifically
- €50k provided for excellence in education initiatives to be funded from DES and not from NEIC budget.

Group 3 – Family, Children and Youth Services.

- Group met on 20th September
- All actions are being progressed.
- All drawdown's are in process and will be made.
- Tusla – focus will be on establishing a “practice” rather than on specific premises.
- Specifications established for the development of an integrated service framework (what, where, when) – this will be developed on work previously undertaken.
 - Estimate going to tender in October.
 - January 2018 target for completion
- Need to ramp up outreach work in the area and for a more integrated approach between groups.
- A volunteer incentive bursary has been suggested – for further discussion
- Volunteer development training need identified.

Group 4 – Physical Refurbishment

- Group met 13th September
- Public Realm Plan currently in development by DCC – due for completion by end of 2017.
- Partnership with Sunflower Recycling on the *Green Ribbon* has commenced. DCC have secured two vehicles for them – these are currently being “wrapped” prior to deployment.
- Mary's Mansions – Hoarding being erected. Contractor due on site in October.
- Cluid housing – projects due to commence on Poplar Row.

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- Cluid housing - Charles St West, in discussion with St Michael's House re development for residential and care use.
- Ballybough House – DCC have refurbishment plan in place.
- Convent Lands – negotiations ongoing – some objections to any development have been raised by local councillor.
- Illegal dumping continues to be an issue – CCTV footage, already a complex area. Complexities likely to increase with EU Data protection legislation due to come into force in May 2018. Need to shift responsibility to obligations of private rented landlords in relation to waste management.
- 44 voids in NEIC area – 25 being refurbished by contractors from DCC framework, 7 to be assigned to contractors, 2 being refurbished directly by DCC, 9 being redesigned.
- Rutland Street School – survey complete. Proposal being developed by DCC. DCC to remain as landlord but building for community use.

4. 2018 funding

Chair requested all sub groups to submit estimates within a week to 10 days so as submissions can be forwarded to Ministers office – **Sub group Chairs to follow up immediately.**

5. Funding Proposals

Community Grants: A note advising Community Groups of a community grant scheme was available from NEIC funding was circulated to all groups in the NEIC area through the North Inner City Community Coalition and the Dublin City Community Cooperative.

On foot of this notice 4 applications for funding were received:

Larkin Community College – Bike Maintenance Programme - €12,500 requested

Larkin Community College – Music Club - €10,000 requested

Larkin Community College – Community Christmas tree - €1,650 requested

H.O.P.E. – Holistic Services and Staff Training - €3,300

Following discussion approval was given to provide funding to the following:

Larkin Community College – Bike Maintenance Programme - €12,500 requested

H.O.P.E. – Holistic Services and Staff Training - €3,300

NOTE: Irene Crawley absented herself from the meeting during the discussion on the HOPE application.

Applications for funding were also received from:

After Care Recovery Group (ACRG) – this was referred to **Sub Group 1** for discussion and recommendation.

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FAI – this was referred to the Sub Group 4 for discussion and recommendation – to consider option to build in training element for local capacity for future sustainability.

It was agreed that all application for funding other than the Community grants should be referred to relevant Sub Group for recommendation or otherwise to PIB.

6. Business engagement:

25 invites were issued to business leaders in the community to attend a briefing with Minister Donohoe and the chair Michael Stone on 5th September. 16 people attended the briefing.

Those in attendance were presented with 3 asks:

- CSR Money
- CSR Hours
- Facilitate the employment of 1 -2 local people.

It was suggested that there is a lot of expertise available in a wide variety of sectors and that we should encourage participation on local Boards of Business reps.

It is also a challenge for us to identify projects in the area for businesses to participate in.

Opportunities possibly exist for transition years students to Work Shadow or for Work Experience.

7. Public engagement:

Event planned for 19th October from 3pm to 8pm.

Venue – Larkin Community College

A newsletter is currently being put together and it is planned to deliver this to all homes in the area prior to the event. Notices will be displayed in Post Offices, Schools and Community Centres etc. There is a media plan in development. Invites will be issued to Public reps, councillors etc.

Together Digital have been engaged to develop a Web site for the initiative – they are locally based and have offered to develop some branding (free of charge) for the initiative.

All Sub group members are requested to be in attendance at the event on the 19th Oct.

8. AOB

- **Halloween Festival** – A beacon is planned for Friday 13th Oct (some concerns were raised on this) further discussions to take place. A night of events is planned for Halloween night for Killarney Street – a full event plan is in place for the evening.
- **Lourdes Daycare Centre** – Plans ready to be lodged for planning permission
- **Ana Liffey Project** – Staff being inducted and ready to begin work
- **Construction Skills Training** – 2 courses completed – 17 participants, 11 place din work to date. A third course is currently in progress.
- **The Last Picnic** – A community event planned for Mountjoy Park on Sunday 1st October. (1pm to 5pm)

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- **Community Employment** – meeting set with DSP to discuss CE and to develop an initiative to encourage greater participation on CE.

Next meeting: 25th October 2017 @ 8am

Venue: TBC

Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

	What	Who
1.	Chair to meet Cllr Gary Gannon re Convent Lands	MOR to organise
2.	Rep from Probation service for Sub Group 1 – Chair to liaise with Chief Super Sean Ward	Chairperson
3.	Invite identified HSE rep to participate on PIB	Denis Breen
4.	Update on additional Garda recourses for next meeting	Super Gerry Murphy
5.	CE – solution to be agreed and in place	Dave Dillon/MOR
6.	Website / Branding	Clare Butler
7.	Public Engagement Process	Programme Office