

Location: Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2.
Time and date: 8.00am, 27 th February 2019
Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Chief Superintendent Séan Ward (An Garda Síochána), Brendan Kenny (DCC), Conor Rowley (DCYA), Fergus McCabe (NICCC), Noel Hand (DEASP), Noel Wardick (Dublin City Co-op/ NICCC), Donal Cassidy (HSE), Mary Cregg (DES), Mary Keenan (DoT), Jim Walsh (DoH), Mary Cregg (DES), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), Karl Mitchell (DCC), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).
Apologies: Feargal O’Rourke (PWC)

The Lord Mayor, Cllr Nial Ring, welcomed the Board to the mansion Hose, thanked them for their work to date and wished them well in their future endeavours.

The Chair thanked the Lord Mayor for hosting the Programme Implementation Board meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Proposed: Chief Superintendent Séan Ward

Seconded: Brendan Kenny

1. Community Update:

- The community feedback document from North Inner City Community Coalition (NICCC) was presented. This feedback was gathered at a NICCC general meeting in December 2018.
 - Overall the NEIC initiative was welcomed. The NICCC continues to call for a long term strategy for the area.
 - It was commented that some of the NEIC subgroups are adopting a broader approach while others are sticking more rigidly to the Mulvey Report actions.
 - It is positive that key state agencies are engaged and working together, however it was felt that some key players still were absent from the PIB particularly Tusla.
 - Some concerns raised re the need for mainstream funding for projects.
 - It was recommended that the PIB pro-actively pursues opportunities for accessing EU funding to implement initiatives.
 - The Chair emphasised that the PIB is an “implementation“board. Tusla are participants on Subgroup 3, which is where the main focus of their work sits. If there is evidence of a stronger requirement from them a place on the Board can be considered.
 - DCC reps expressed surprise at the reference to Rutland St School in the document as DCC felt there was positive engagement with all the groups that use the school and the residents on the street.
 - The NICCC reps replied that it was a general meeting and the document reflected the views of those who attended the meeting. The NICCC does not have a fixed membership

but it is comprised of whatever group's turn up to the meetings. The Coalition is an important structure in representing the views of groups in the area.

- The Chair emphasised to all that the role of the Board members is to educate and inform groups and individuals about what is trying to be achieved. More communication is needed and that is being worked on. It is good to have community feedback.
- Liberty Park – residents are happy that recent garda activity has led to a decrease in anti – social behaviour in this area.
- Youths on motor bikes are causing disruption in the area. Gardaí will liaise with community and youth groups on this matter.
- A positive meeting was held with Gardaí in relation to small area policing 96 areas have been identified. Gardaí with responsibility will be notified to the relevant community groups.
- An information event for residents from minority ethnic communities, organised by the Gardaí and the Community Policing Forum will be held on 15th April @7pm in Store Street Garda station.
- The Minority Ethnic Communities Steering Committee is meeting and establishing itself.
- Follow up meeting with teachers that participated in the Cavan Centre event has been organised.

2. HSE

- Summerhill Primary Care Centre is open and almost fully operational. The Centre will accommodate 130 staff and will have a footfall in the region of 200 clients per day.
- Significant progress has been made on implementing the *“integrated approach to addiction and homeless services in the NEIC”* strategy that was approved for funding support at the January PIB meeting.
 - Staff recruitment process has commenced.
 - Residential facility is due to be operational in early April.
- HSE reps will link with subgroup 3 on mental health supports for children and youth.

3. Subgroup reports

Group 3 – Integrated System of Social Services.

- Chair and Mary Cregg attended the Principals’ network meeting.
- Members of subgroup are going to visit St Ultan’s, Cherry Orchard on 8th March.
- Chair and reps from DES participated in a study visit to Boston to see the City Connects programme and how it operates and if there is some learning that could be applied in the NEIC.
- Work ongoing on Integrated Services Delivery Framework. A further meeting has been organised for early March to discuss.
- Executive Leadership Programme, evaluation has been completed. Some more follow up required with participants.

Group 5 - Addiction Group

- The focus is on the implementation of the services that NEIC have funded with the HSE.
 - A local recruitment process has been agreed within the HSE
 - A specific purpose contract will be used for these staff
 - Residential programme will be a partnership with HSE and a service provider.*
 - * Discussion re people retaining DEASP payments, DEASP rep will forward guidelines to HSE rep.
- Issue of children's health particularly in relation to migrant families was discussed at subgroup.
- Needs assessment study - draft report available, the researcher and reps from NICDATF will be invited to the next addiction group meeting.
- Concern was raised in relation to the high number of drug related deaths (9) in the NEIC since Jan 2019 and the financial burden this places on families.
- Findings of the HSE review of their Section 39 projects are being discussed with the projects at present.
- HSE will put a group in place to look at best way forward for Drugs Taskforce.
- Community rep agreed that the NICDATF should have a plan in place for area.
- Dept. of Health are introducing reforms in relation to Drug Taskforces in general.
- Group were asked to consider strategic priorities for 2019 with particular emphasis to identify some concrete deliverables.

Group 4 – Physical Infrastructure

- Rutland St School refurbishment
 - Presentation was given to DCC's Central Area Committee on 12th February.
 - Part 8 planning process has commenced, (minimum 20 weeks) this will provide for input from residents, community group etc.
 - Information meeting with residents was held on 23rd January.
 - Tender process for enabling works is underway.
- Public Realm Plan
 - Áit Urbanism and Landscape Ltd. have been engaged to lead on this.
 - An initial workshop involving DCC staff from relevant departments was held on 6th February. Subgroup 4 members attended.
 - Further workshops and a public consultation process will be initiated.
- Greening Strategy – 5 projects have been identified for implementation.
- Diamond Park – plan is complete. Exercise equipment is due to be installed by end of March
- Illegal dumping, waste management, litter issues – Initial meeting of a multi-agency group was held to discuss a way forward to tackle these issues. Each agency to be requested to document their respective position for inclusion in a report for the Board.
- A night time waste collection has been initiated and is proving worthwhile.

- Community rep commented that there has been a noticeable improvement in terms of litter. A number of community groups have met and have expressed interest in putting local clean-ups in place. Meeting with DCC to discuss further to be arranged. Suggestion that summer camps should an environmental element included. Wexford and Cavan Centres are willing to be involved.
- The Chair commented on the planters on Seville place and complimented the Green Ribbon on their work.

Group 1 – Crime and Drugs.

- The Board was given a brief update of some crime statistics for the area
 - Possession of drugs for sale and supply has increased.
 - Possession of drugs for use has increased.This increase could be a consequence of increased garda activity in the area.
- The Community Support van is being deployed daily in the area.
- Installation of additional CCTV cameras is progressing.
- Tender for Drugs Intimidation Action Worker has been issued – closing date for the receipt of tenders is Friday 15th March.
- The “On the ball” proposal is being developed in conjunction with QPR football club and is due in the near future.
- A JAG (Juveniles and Gardaí) programme has been run with Belvedere Youth Club. The programme runs for 2 hours per week for 6 weeks. The programme will be evaluated and further iterations considered.
- The subgroup noted that there is a lack of activities in the area for young women. A local dance group that provide activities for young women will be invited to next subgroup meeting.
- The subgroup are still considering what will be their primary focus for 2019.

Group 2 – Education, Training and Employment

- Principals Network group had their 3rd meeting.
 - The group had been asked to prioritise their concerns/challenges.
 - Wellbeing and School Attendance are high on the list of priorities for the Principals.
- The subgroup will draft a Plan to address School Attendance in advance the next Board meeting.
- Social Enterprise/Social Economy research document is ready to be advertised.

4. Presentations

The Board received 3 presentation from the participants form the Executive leadership programme. The subjects of the presentations were:

- Liberty Park
- Leadership in NEIC
- Towards a New Way of working – Services Integration

All presentations were well received by the Board. The Chair thanked all the presenters for the work and effort that went into the presentations. He encouraged the subgroup chairs to consider with their groups what had been presented and how the proposals could be implemented.

The Chair also thanked the course coordinators for the work they invested into the programme.

5. Budget Group:

An outline of the funding process as agreed at the January Board meeting was developed and distributed to the community groups. A copy is available on the NEIC website www.neic.ie

The Budget group met on 21st February/. John Orme, Department of Rural and Community Development has joined the Budget Group. The group discussed a range of proposals that had been submitted from the various subgroups. The chair of the Budget Group presented to the Board proposals that were recommended for funding.

The Board approved the following proposal for funding:

Subgroup 2	Readers in Residence	€37,500
Subgroup 2	Digital Skills	€17,500
Subgroup 3	Community Grants	€100,000
Subgroup 4	Greening Strategy	€350,000
	Overarching Budgets	
	Programme Office	€100,000
	Programme management (incl. Community outreach and communications strategy)	€60,000
	Programme Evaluation	€100,000
	Social Employment Fund	€1,000,000
	Total (February)	€1,765,000
	Total funds approved by the NEIC PIB to date in 2019	€4,432,950

Total Funding approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board for 2019 to date - **€4,432,950**

The chair reiterated that this is an implementation Board and that all recommendations should be in line with the recommendations of the Mulvey report. He also emphasised that not everything we try will work but that we should not fear failure.

The Chair also emphasised that if community groups required assistance in relation to the development of proposals that they should contact the Programme Office.

It was agreed that there would be two themes for application for Community Grants,

- Physical Environment
- Active Living.

The Chair requested that an outline of the process in relation to community Grant applications be developed and for it to be circulated to all community groups prior to notification of the scheme being announced for 2109.

6. Communications and Social Media

Work is progressing on the development of a Social Media Strategy for the NEIC Initiative. A more comprehensive discussion will be scheduled for the next Board meeting.

7. Evaluation and Impact

The Programme Office have engaged Just Economics to develop a framework to evaluate the impact of the NEIC Initiative. It is intended to bring the Board and all Sub Group Members to an Evaluation Workshop at the beginning of April.

Next meeting: Wednesday 27th March 2019

**Venue: Dublin City Community Co-Op Office,
Unit 1,
Killarney Court,
Buckingham Street,
Dublin 1.**

Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

What	Who
User stats for Summerhill Primary Care Centre for next meeting.	HSE
Details of City Connects programme to be circulated.	DCYA
Funding outline for Community Grants to be developed.	Prog Office

Plan re School Attendance	DES
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