

North East Inner City Initiative Programme Implementation Board

Location: Fáilte Ireland, 88 –95 Amiens Street, Dublin 1.
Time and date: 8am, 26 th June 2019
Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Superintendent Paul Costello (An Garda Síochána), Conor Rowley (DCYA), Paddy Murdiff (NICCC), Mary Cregg (DES), Mary Keenan (DoT), Donal Cassidy (HSE), Noel Hand (DEASP), Brendan Kenny (DCC), Noel Wardick (NICCC), Jim Walsh (DoH), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), Karl Mitchell (DCC), Joy McGlynn (Tusla), Clare Butler (DoT/Programme Office), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).
Apologies: Feargal O’Rourke (PwC)
Stephen Nicholson (PwC) attended the meeting as part of his action planning process with the subgroups.

Ms Liz Halpin made a short presentation to the Board on the work of Fáilte Ireland and particularly initiatives that are relevant to Dublin’s North East Inner City.

The Chair thanked Ms Halpin for her presentation and Fáilte Ireland for hosting the meeting.

The Chair welcomed both Ms Joy McGlynn (Tusla) and Mr Paddy Murdiff (NICCC) to the Board; he also wished Fergus McCabe a swift recovery from illness.

The Chair welcomed Mr Stephen Nicholson (PwC), who has been assigned by PwC to work with the subgroup chairs in developing 12 month action plans for each subgroup and draft an overarching strategic plan for the NEIC initiative.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Proposed: Mary Keenan (DoT)

Seconded: Karl Mitchell (DCC)

1. Budget Group

The following recommendations for funding were proposed by the Budget Group:

Sub Group	Application	Mulvey Action	Cost
1	P- TECH (Larkin community College)	2.5	€125,000
2	Intercultural Development Coordinator (DCC)	3.14	€25,000
3	YPAR Fast Track Counselling (ICON)	3.18	€44,000
4	Recovery Academy of Ireland	3.17	€25,730
	Total		€219,730

Funding recommendations were proposed by Brendan Kenny (DCC) and seconded by Donal Cassidy (HSE).

This brings the total funds approved by the PIB to date to **€5,539,484**.

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Pilot Social Employment Fund (SEF) – Currently there are 55 placements. There have been expressions of interest for a further 36 places. If the programme were to be expanded by a further 20 places (which would not exceed the €1million budget for 2019) the cost in 2020 would be €1.5million. Before making recommendations to NEIC PIB, a meeting between NEIC Programme Office and D/RCD will need to take place.

DEASP representative supported the suggestion of an increase in the number of places on the pilot SEF initiative.

Community reps also supported this suggestion. They advised that CE recruitment is proving very difficult, while acknowledging the benefits of CE for both participants and projects. An enquiry was made if the saving from CE could be transferred to fund the SEF initiative.

2. HSE Update

- **Summerhill Inclusion Health Hub**
 - Safety Net offering GP service 5 days a week
 - Expansion of maternity services to include 6 week post-natal appointment, vaccinations and contraception
 - Homeless case management team and addiction case management team in situ from the 1st July
 - Homeless health link team in situ from 1st July
- **Stabilisation programme**
 - 10 bed stabilisation unit will open mid-July this will offer stabilisation to both male and female service users, and is not limited to those in current HSE services.
- **Case Management Teams**
 - Both the addiction and homeless team will be starting on the 1st July. The HSE have engaged the support of their voluntary partners to commence the service - Homeless services provided by Coolmine and Addiction by HSE and Chrysalis
- **Common Assessment Tool**
 - All addiction services in the NEIC area (both statutory and non-statutory) will be using one common assessment process from the 1st July. This is being driven through the Treatment And Rehabilitation sub group of the Local Drugs Task Force and supported by the HSE
- **North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force**
 - Governance structure of task force currently being enhanced, this is being supported by the HSE
 - New premises being sought in the area
 - Web site and brand to be reconsidered over next few months
- **Change for life programme**
 - The HSE are increasing their participation in the “*Change for Life*” programme. They will be offering participants health supports for the duration of the current and future programmes The first meeting with the residents was held last Friday 21st June to establish their needs and commitment. Programme commencing on Friday 28th June with areas of support such as Nutrition, Smoking Cessation, Mental Health, and Addiction being some of the topics.
 - The programme is being developed with the community and provided by the HSE and their health partners in the area.

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- **Other developments**

- Breast Check have agreed to come into the area to provide screening in the autumn; this will be progressed at a meeting on the 12th July further details at next Board meeting.
- Rollout of SAOR training programme within the community.
- Development and delivery of Naloxone training and distribution to target a reduction in drug related death and non-fatal overdoses.
- Increased uptake of community based Hep C treatment in the NEIC area

3. Sub group reports

Group 4 – Physical Infrastructure

- **Rutland St School**
 - Contractor is onsite and enabling works have commenced.
 - Part 8 planning process has commenced - it is envisaged that it will be discussed at the September 2019 Area Committee meeting (DCC) in preparation for the full DCC Council meeting in October 2019.
 - DCC will be contacting individual tenants and their parent agencies requesting financial support with the development costs.
 - Funding assurances required for October.
 - In conjunction with the CDETB a consultant has been appointed to work on developing a proposal in relation to the operation of a café in the refurbished building.
- **Public Realm Plan** – work is ongoing with relevant DCC Departments and Áit Urbanism + Landscaping Ltd. The process will move into a public consultation phase in Q3.
- **Urban Land Institute (ULI) Advisory Panel**
 - 77 people from a wide range of backgrounds attended Interviews with the panel members on Tuesday 25th June.
 - A plenary session will be held in Charleville Mall Library at 10.30am on Friday 28th June – all are invited to attend.
- **Green Ribbon** – the consultant that was engaged to examine the feasibility of the Green Ribbon becoming a viable entity has completed their work. A report is being prepared for consideration.
- **CIE** - DCC currently in discussions with CIE in relation to the possible use of an “Arch” as an artist’s space.
- **Laurence Place East** – programmed for resurfacing in July.
- **Events** – a consultant has been engaged by DCC to undertake some research into events in the NEIC and prepare a report and recommendations.
- **IBAL** – a meeting has been arranged with representative from IBAL to discuss the findings of the recently published report.
- **Weeds** – the issue with use of Glyphosate continues. A trial with the use of Hot Foam is underway.

The Chair noted the improvement that has been made to the DCC Central Office both externally and internally since Mr Karl Mitchell was appointed to the Area Manager position. The Chair also thanked him for the energy and interest he has brought to the role across the NEIC in general.

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Group 3 – Integrated System of Social Services.

- Patrick McCarthy, Annie E Casey Foundation, Baltimore , met with a number of the subgroup members during a recent visit to discuss the work being undertaken and approaches that were used in Baltimore.
- **ISDF** – 3 separate groups are working on this. Separately focussing on Parenting, Mental Health and Youth Funding.
- **City Of Dublin Youth Services Board (CDYSB)** - are carrying deficits, which is having an effect on funding provision for youth groups in the area. Subgroup chair will write to relevant agencies' for clarification.
- **Community Case Management (CCM)** – the group has had some initial meetings. Policies need to be put in place. Clarification to be sought from the group as to what the needs of the group are.
- **UL Group** – an outline proposal has been developed in relation to Liberty Park some further clarifications required. Ambition is to submit for next budget group meeting.
- **City Connects** – some clarifications required prior to submitting for consideration

Group 1 – Crime and Drugs.

- Ms Ann Marie Cagney has been appointed as an Interim Chief Superintendent. The duration of this appointment is unknown, so for the time being Superintendent Paul Costello will continue as Chair of the subgroup and will attend the Programme Implementation Board meetings
- CCTV camera installation is complete.
- Drugs Intimidation Initiative – following the tender process Ana Liffey Drug Project (ALDP) are the preferred bidder. DCC have agreed to be the agency to contract with ALDP for the first year to get the project commenced. Discussions currently underway in relation to a Service Level Agreement and job description – when agreed the recruitment process will commence.
- Training plan is in place for all probationer Gardaí – an element of the training is to encourage young Gardaí to want to remain and work in the area.
- Liberty Park initiative is working well but this has caused displacement of drug dealing activity to other areas – Rutland St. and Ballybough. Gardaí are monitoring the situation closely and operations are constantly reviewed in these areas.
- Gardaí are in agreement to monitor CCTV footage from Royal Canal Cycleway when installed. Discussions currently in progress with DCC, Gardaí and contractors.
- Small Area Policing plan is in operation – 34 sectors, and each sector has an identified member with responsibility for it.
- There is an increase in front line Gardaí due to an increase of Garda staff assigned to the area.
- Subgroup members were asked to look at the actions as laid out in the Mulvey Report and to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Group 5 – Substance use and misuse

- **New services** - as outlined in the HSE report, HSE are helping to fill the deficit of health services in the area and are connected to voluntary and local services.

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- A seminar to address substance use and misuse in the NEIC will be hosted by the Department of Health on 1st July. It will feature inputs from the HSE, the community need analysis study and the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force. It is expected that the seminar will lead to proposals for further development in services.
- A proposal for recovery coach training from the Recovery Academy of Ireland (€25,730) was discussed and forwarded to the Budget Group. This proposal will train 14 recovery coaches to work with people affected by substance misuse in the NEIC.
- A proposal for a primary care addiction unit is under consideration by the HSE in the context of the 2020 estimates process. If funding is not provided, the proposal will be further considered by the subgroup in September.
- The group is considering a proposal for a health literacy initiative to reduce health inequalities in the NEIC. The initiative would aim to improve health literacy in health and social care services and among the population, in particular disadvantaged groups and migrants and people from ethnic communities. This initiative could include better communications, training of community advocates and use of plain English. This initiative will be developed in conjunction with Healthy Ireland and NALA.
- **Housing First** - is an initiative by Dublin City Council to meet the health and social needs of long-term homeless through the provision of supported accommodation. There is a target of 200 for Dublin and a proposal has been submitted for the NEIC to have a share in this. A further update will be provided in July.
- **Drug Related Deaths** - The group is to consider the issue of drug-related deaths at its August meeting. Link in relation to this matter to be made with Health Research Board.
- The importance of having a properly functioning local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force in the area was emphasised. It was noted that there are a number of very good services in the area that need support.

Group 2 – Education, Training and Employment

- The subgroup had a presentation from CDETB Youth and Education Service for Refugees and Migrants on the services they provide. The outreach to schools was noted as positive and it suggested there may be an opportunity for engagement with the Principals' Network.
- Childcare Bursary - 14 applications have been received. These will be evaluated in the coming week and all applicants informed of the outcome.
- The subgroup Chair met with the Public Appointment Service (PAS) Diversity and Inclusion lead. It was noted that this is a newly established division which is in the very early stages of developing its strategy. A commitment was sought from PAS to take NEIC second level students on placement during the 2019/2020 school year.
Recruitment of Temporary Clerical Officers (TCOs) in the Civil Service - it was suggested that engagement with NEIC students could be undertaken in this regard - in particular because there is an option for applicants to avail of summer work. PAS have indicated that they would be willing to collaborate with the NEIC Initiative on a workshop for students / guidance counsellors / teachers, etc. in advance of the launch of the TCO competition.

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PAS noted that they have not been invited to any NEIC careers fairs and have asked for a programme of planned career fairs in the area. DEASP to engage with PAS on this.

- **Summer work placements** - 19 students have been placed, with one further placement currently being finalised. 6 Post Primary Schools participated in the Programme (O'Connell's; Mount Carmel; St Joseph's; Rosmini CS; Marino College; Larkin Community College) and all schools have had students placed on the Programme. The gender breakdown of participants is 9 male / 10 female. All students attended a workshop on 31st May 2019 to assist them in preparing for their placements. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) detailing what is expected of participants was also provided to all students which they discussed with their parents / guardians and then co-signed along with the Programme Coordinator. Work placements to commence on July 1st 2019.
- Social Enterprise Research - **Collaboration Ireland** to commence work on June 21st 2019. Expected to be completed by end of September 2019. Work Plan to be circulated to PIB members. Workshop to take place on 3rd July.
- **NEIC Intercultural Development Coordinator** - Job description for the Coordinator is being finalised in conjunction with the Host Organisation (DCC) and the Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration (OPMI). It was noted that this post will be co-funded by the Department of Justice and Equality OPMI.

4. Community Update:

- New national Childcare Scheme – concerns were expressed in relation to the new scheme and how the subventions for groups will work. The feedback is that it forms part of the activation measures to encourage parents into the labour market. The concern is that a number of local projects will have to scale back operations or close if the new scheme is implemented as currently proposed. The Dublin Inner City Community Co-op are preparing a paper for submission. The Tusla representative noted that details of the HSE/Tusla sponsored projects are currently being finalised and hopefully that will address some of the concerns expressed.
- Community Policing Forum (CPF) – concern was expressed that the closing of the CPF has left a gap in provision and that there is no alternative structure where stakeholders can meet. A funding proposal has been developed and is currently under discussion. The DCC representative did note that the Joint Policing Committee (JPC) is the statutory body to meet this need. Part of the JPC's mandate is to have community meetings. Now that the new city council has been elected a new JPC will shortly be put in place
- At the request of the Community rep. the Department of The Taoiseach rep provided the following updates: (1) the IGEES¹ official in D/RCD is continuing to draft his paper on the NEIC initiative; and (2) *Just Economics* are close to finalising their work on the evaluability of the NEIC initiative.

5. Business Update

- A further meeting of the CSR staff from the companies in the IFSC was held – the main points from the meeting were:

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- To support the work experience programme again
- That a one week programme is more preferable than a two week programme – however some companies could be open to doing two one week programmes at different times throughout the academic year.
- Depending on size of company and commitment that could be made from each company, we will split the students up between all companies supporting the initiative.
- Share ideas around what companies focus on for the week long programme and potentially come up with a common framework.
- Agree as a group to offer a specific number (tbd) of paid summer work placements to the TY participants for summer 2020.

1. Irish Government Economic Evaluation Service.

- 6 students that participated on the work experience programme have been offered paid work experience for a number of weeks in the summer by their host company.
- A project management resource that was offered to the PIB was accepted and the project manager is actively engaged in the process of developing action plans for the various subgroups.
 - A schedule of meetings with the subgroup chairs has been arranged.
 - The PIB Chair requested that not 12 month plans for the individual subgroups be developed but also an overarching strategic plan for the NEIC Initiative as a whole.
 - The aim is to have a draft strategic plan to present to the Board for the August meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday 31th July 2019 @ 8.00am

**Venue: Inclusion Health Hub,
Old Summerhill Health Centre,
90 -92 Summerhill,
Dublin 1.**

(This building is across the road from the new Summerhill Primary Care Centre)

Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

What	Who
Write to OPW to confirm details in relation to Fitzgibbon St garda Station Development.	Programme Office /Chair
Dates for work experience (2019/2020) to be forwarded to F O'Rourke.	Programme Office
Application for Childcare Bursary to be evaluated	Programme Office
Details of City Connects programme (including finance implications) to be provided.	DCYA/DES

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Clarify if unused funding from unfilled CE places could be transferred to fund the SEF initiative.	DEASP
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