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| Location: City Clinic, 108 Amiens Street, Dublin 1. |
| Time and date: 2.00pm, 25 th April 2018 |
| Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Chief Superintendent Sean Ward (Garda Síochána), Feargal O’Rourke (PwC), Brendan Kenny (DCC), Fergus McCabe (NICCC), Caitriona O’Brien (DES), Denis Breen (DOT), Conor Rowley (DCYA), Mary Walshe (HSE), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), Karl Mitchell (DCC), Clare Butler (DOT/Programme Office), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office). |
| Paschal Donohoe, T.D., Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure & Reform joined the meeting after other business had been completed to get an update from the Board on progress. |
| Apologies: Irene Crawley (NICCC), Noel Hand (DEASP), |

1. A presentation on the work of the City Clinic was delivered to the group by Dr. Des Crowley, Ms Jo-Anne Sexton and Ms Anita Whyte.

The Key points from the presentation were:

- City Clinic is a community Opioid substitution clinic for clients in D1/D3 area – 95% of clients are heroin users.
- Largest Clinic on Dublin’s Northside -Currently 289 clients.
- Increasing number of homeless presenting
- New Irish - increasing population (dealing with isolation and language issues)
- Older men – living in isolation
- Pilot location for HepC treatment in Northside.
- Lack of access to stabilisation beds is an issue.
- Unsuitability of current premises remains an issue.
- The Chair thanked the team for a very comprehensive and informative presentation for agreeing to host the meeting and also for the work that all the staff of the clinic do on a daily basis.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting were approved.**

Proposed: Chief Inspector Sean Ward

Seconded: Brendan Kenny

3. **Sub- Group reports**

Group 1 – Crime and Drugs

- Civil work for the CCTV camera installation is ongoing. Installation of poles scheduled to commence weekend of 5th/6th May. Chair expressed disappointment at progress being made and requested that contact be made with contractor.
- 40 additional Gardaí commenced duties in the DMR North Central division on 3rd April. In response to ongoing anti-social activity in the Liberty Park area, the Garda rep undertook to ensure a continuous Garda presence in and around the park with immediate effect.
- Following consultation with the Gardaí and local residents some measures are being implemented in the area by DCC in relation to traffic calming and to discourage anti-social behaviour over the coming period.
- Progress on Fitzgibbon St continues. Enabling works to commence during May. A copy of the plans will be available for the next PIB meeting.
- The Community Support Vehicle will be fitted out shortly – support and buy-in from the community is very important especially around its launch.
- Divisional drugs Unit will be restored to full strength in the near future. Meeting arranged with NICTDATF and NEIC programme office to plan the drug Intimidation conference.
- Notice has been sent to all second level schools regarding an opportunity for 4 students from transition year to spend a week in Store Street Garda station on work experience for the '18/'19 academic year.

Group 2 – Employment, Training and Education

- DES officials are meeting with schools in the NEIC area individually to maximise opportunities and encourage strong engagement on NEIC work.
- DES also met recently with representatives from 11 schools to discuss Schools Excellence Fund.
- CDETB Adult Guidance Service Coordinator briefed the sub group on the work of the new CDETB Guidance Outreach Officers and the sub group will periodically review progress.
- DEASP are in the process of registering as many job seekers as possible on new www.jobsireland.ie and developing a directory of services in the area.

Programme Implementation Board

- New Communities research is underway; Focus groups etc are taking place. The project to deliver a report in June with a seminar to be held in September.
- The 30 positions on a Pilot Social Employment Fund have been advertised – Closing date for applications 4th May, Interviews to be held week commencing 7th May.
- Barista Training – programmed to start on 15th May.
- A proposal has been received in relation to a Commis Chef training programme – this is to be discussed further by the Sub Group.
- A meeting is to be arranged between O’Connell’s school and NCI in relation to the provision of a Summer school for non-English speaking students attending local schools.
- An apprenticeship awareness day has been arranged for Larkin Community College for Thursday 26th April – 5 construction companies will attend.

Group 3 – Family, Children and Youth Services

- The group had a presentation on the work of the ASD Early Intervention Unit from Mark Shinnick, Principal Holy Child Pre School
- Some funding proposals have been received but need to be considered further by the sub group.
- Sub group chair suggested that resources are required to support the work of the sub group - PIB Chair asked if secondment would be a possibility and if there was anyone in mind for this. Further consideration required.
- NCI – launch of “Let’s Talk” booklet and pack for use by home visitors in ELI programme.
- Swan Youth Services will host a Community Café to engage with young people and discuss how they would like to get involved in the initiative.
- DCYA is hosting a roundtable meeting on 8th May with Naomi Eisenstadt - Better Outcomes in Addressing Child Poverty – an invitation was extended to PIB members who would like to attend.
- Sean Redmond will be presenting on “Disrupting Criminal Networks” in the near future and some places will be available for PIB members.
- Discussions ongoing with Dr Tony Bates regarding “Listening Communities”
- Closing date for the Community Grant applications is 30th April.

Group 4 – Physical Infrastructure

- Convent land discussions ongoing.
- Rutland St School – Design team appointed. A wrap will be provided to illustrate the development.
- Sean McDermott St swimming pool – agreement in principle reached with Swim Ireland to extend the opening hours of the pool.
- Greening Strategy – feedback from public workshop held on 7th March 2018 was positive.
- Royal Canal Cycleway – Projected start date May/June 2018.
- Next sub Group meeting will focus on Sports, Arts and events in the context of the Mulvey actions.

4. Community update:

- The Community Coalition is meeting in relation to the proposed development of the convent lands.
- Concern was expressed that some local social work and child services are moving to offices located outside of the area – it is important that there is clarity and continuity for service users and access to locally based services that are reasonable and appropriate. Communication and engagement with the community by service providers is required.
- Newly constituted Community Policing Forum is engaging with a wide range of community groups as it begins its work.
- Workshop is taking place with 30 young people from a mix of backgrounds on the topic of integration of New Communities.
- Following an initial meeting on NEIC work ICTU are happy to support the use of trade union facilities in the area if required

5. HSE Update:

The board was briefed on service developments linked to relocation of CAHMS service to Grangegorman (completed) and opening of new Sumerhill Primary Care centre to be operational later in 2018 which will be open Mon -Fri 7am to 8pm. Information will be provided to update NEIC website.

6. Business update:

- Meeting with major employers in the area re ongoing, including Facebook and Convention Centre Dublin – applicants are being supported to apply for positions identified from job offers.
- A list of the support required by a number of voluntary Boards in the NEIC area is being followed up in terms of identifying suitable support from business.
- Donations pledged to support of trainee participation in Tall Ships regatta are being received.
- Working with NCI on developing an Access programme for the NEIC.

7. Budget Group

There was no meeting in April. Meeting arranged for May to discuss further submissions received.

- To date €1.3million has been allocated.

8. Discussion with Minister Donohoe

The Minister acknowledged the independence of the Board, thanked members for their work and underlined the support of Government for the work and was keen to hear the views of Board members especially in relation to suggestions on new innovative approaches.

Key areas discussed included:

- new radical approach is required as past approaches have not delivered the required transformational change – generating ambition is key;
- recognising significant legacy problems and specific needs of the area and its residents;
- a long term commitment to the work from all sectors is required;
- the importance of education and key role of schools;
- significant new focus is required in relation to tackling drugs problem which is central to many of the issues arising;
- Improving coordination among service providers, which tailor services to the needs of the client must be a priority.

The Chair thanked the Minister for his support.

9. AOB

- The Chair mentioned a programme he had read about “Imagination Library” which operates in the USA, UK and Australia and supplies books to children to help improve literacy levels. He asked that the programme office make some enquiries re the possibility of the scheme operating in the NEIC area.
- **The Chair reminded the sub-group chairs that he wants an update/review of the 54 Mulvey actions relevant to the sub group at the June PIB meeting**

Next meeting: 30th May 2018 @ 8am

Venue: Department of Education and Skills, Marlborough St., Dublin 1.

Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

| What | Who |
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| Follow up on English language summer school | Programme Office |
| Obtain more information on Imagination Library | Programme Office |
| Feedback on previous reports on NEIC, North Inners City etc | DCC/ Programme office. |
| Follow up with TUSLA re services in NEIC | Conor Rowley |
| Chair advised sub-group chairs that he wants an update/review of the 54 actions in the Mulvey report for the June PIB meeting | Sub Group chairs |