**Location:** Dublin City Council Art Office – The LAB, Foley Street, D1.

**Time and date:** 8.00am, 25th July 2018

**Attendance:** Chair – Michael Stone, Chief Superintendent Sean Ward (Garda Síochána), Fergus McCabe (NICCC), Denis Breen (DOT), Noel Hand (DEASP), Mary Cregg (DES), Mary Walshe (HSE), Trina O’Connor (NICCC), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), Clare Butler (DOT/Programme Office), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).

**Apologies:** Brendan Kenny (DCC), Feargal O’Rourke (PwC), Conor Rowley (DCYA), Karl Mitchell (DCC),

Prior to the meeting Chief Superintendent Sean Ward gave the members of the group a tour of the new Garda Community Support Van which has been funded through the NEIC.

1. The Chair welcomed Ms. Trina O’Connor (NICCC) and Ms Mary Cregg (DES) as new members to the Board.

2. Dawn Russell, Ana Liffey Drug Project presented an update to the group on the Assertive Case Management Team project being undertaken in the NEiC area. The presentation covered

   - Number of case the team have worked with – 51
   - Referral Sources
   - Outcomes to date
   - Previous engagement with Services
   - Primary drugs of choice
   - Structures and practices that have benefitted the work
   - Barriers to progress that have been encountered.

Ms Patricia Hun, who has been engaged by the Programme Office to undertake and independent evaluation of the project, was also in attendance. Ms Hunt presented her interim report and confirmed that the final report would be available for the September meeting.

The Chair thanked the Ana Liffey Drug Project for the presentation.

**Minutes of previous meeting were approved.**

**Proposed:** Mary Walshe  
**Seconded:** Fergus McCabe
1. **Community Update:**
   - CCTV – How will the effectiveness of the cameras that have been installed been measured. Sub group 1 was asked to discuss.
   - It was suggested that some local launches for the community support van be considered.
   - The potential for employment opportunities in the redevelopment of the Clery’s site was discussed – the Chair advised that will follow up on this.
   - A query was raised on the Pobal statistics and the areas that are included – DOT are following up on this.
   - European funding programmes – can funding be accessed for NEIC - the Chair advised that he has spoken with Commissioner Phil Hogan on this matter and will advise the group of any developments.
   - A meeting of the NICCC convenors and sub group chair persons is planned.
   - The Chair raised the NICCC stance on the proposed development of the Convent Lands – feedback from he has received from local residents has been in favour of the redevelopment, while representative groups appear not to support the development. He reiterated that the PIB support the development proposal.
   The NICCC rep advised that they don’t want the site to be idle but have not come out in favour or against the development. Concerns have been expressed as to whether the site will be developed if sold or will be sold for a higher value at a future date.

2. **Business update:**
   - Meetings with companies in the area are ongoing – 13 jobs have been filled to date.
   - A further group of employers will be invited to meet with the Minister for Finance in September – this is currently being organised.
   - One company has yet send contribution for Tall Ship’s event – follow up ongoing.
   - Offer for work experience for Transition Year student’s remains in place.
   - Chair met with M. Greene, owner of CHQ he is interested in supporting the initiative – he has offered free access for students to EPIC from all local schools, space for exhibitions and he will engage with business owners in CHQ re summer/Christmas work for students.

3. **Sub-Group reports**

   **Group 1 – Crime and Drugs**
   - Sub group members were given a demonstration of the new community support van and were advised on the methodology of its deployment throughout the NEIC area.
   - An additional 10 Gardaí have been assigned to the DMR North Central division and are due to commence duties in Sept ember.
   - A follow up meeting with the organising group of the DRI conference has been scheduled – the report will be completed following this meeting and presented to the sub group for consideration of the recommendations and to develop and action plan. Chief
Superintendent Ward thanked all involved for their support in relation to organising the event.

- 33 new pedal bicycles have been purchased.
- A planning meeting in relation to Phase 2 of CCTV installation is scheduled before end of July.
- All places on the Transition Year programme have been allocated.
- The Community Policing Plan is currently in development. There are 5 pillars to the plan:
  - Marginalised groups
  - Relationship Building
  - Public Domain
  - Quality of Life issues
  - Youth Issues

- Sub Group members have been tasked with developing strategies and policies for specific pillars.
- A boxing tournament between NEIC clubs and clubs in Northern Ireland is planned for September.
- Some further information was requested in relation to a funding proposal before a decision on a recommendation can be taken.

**Group 2 – Employment, Training and Education**

- Notification of support for upskilling of childcare workers to level 7/8 has issued to all local community childcare providers. Closing date for applications 27th July 2018.
- English Language Summer School has completed, there were 16 participants. A report of the work and learning will be prepared over the coming weeks.
- CDETB have written to post primary schools in the NEIC offering tailored support programme for EAL post primary students during schools hours (1-2 hours over 6-8 weeks) and workshops/supports for teachers.
- Pilot Social Employment Fund – 30 positions filled (23 female + 7 male). 28 workers have started – 2 waiting return of Garda vetting. Projects seeing impact –
  - reduction in waiting list,
  - increased services – including new baby and extra childcare places,
  - Significant summer youth activities.

All projects have been visited, a report will be produced.

- DEASP continuing to work with CE projects to fill vacancies.
- Career LEAP – 12 young people (all u25) graduated from the programme – all had very positive experience.
  - 4 have been offered positions
  - Remainder continue to work with delivery team to access employment.
- DEASP have commenced the referral of 18 to 25 year olds to Larkin Unemployed Centre for one to one meetings to assess needs and job profile. 130 approx will be referred.
process for 25 to 49 year olds with LES will commence on 31st July. Report on findings due in September.

- Group discussed recommendation by Kieran Mulvey for NEIC school pupils aged 16+ to be provided with the opportunity through the network of employers in the area. The PIB Chair set this as a target to be achieved in 2019.
- The educational guidance proposal from NCI was discussed. DES reps to discuss further with colleagues before decision is made.

- PIB Chair met with reps from DCU who are currently engaged in collecting data on fitness levels of schools goers in the NEIC area. DCU have express an interest to support the NEIC initiative - further meeting to be explore options will arranged.

Group 3 – Family, Children and Youth Services

- The group had a presentation from CES the company engaged to undertake the Integrated Service mapping work. A overview of the work completed to date was provided and the “MAP” was demonstrated. Work due for completion in Sept/Oct. PIB chair requested a presentation for the Board as soon as practical.
- Proposed follow up to Mental Health Roundtable discussion was rescheduled due to unavailability of a number of participants.
- Representatives from PEIN – this group have been engaged to undertake work on the “What Works Here” piece – to discuss where the focus of the work should be. Further discussions and clarifications required.
- A number of funding proposal were discussed and recommendations for presenting to the Budget Sub group were agreed.

Group 4 – Physical Infrastructure

- Sean McDermott St swimming pool – Open day and launch of new opening hours scheduled for 10th August.
- Royal Canal Cycleway – phase 2 from Sheriff St to Newcomen Bridge is scheduled to start in September 18.
- Sheriff St playground – Installation of new equipment has commenced.
- Rutland St School – the work of the design team is progressing and is on target to commence the statutory process of Planning and Development by the year end.
- Mountjoy Square Conservation Plan – next phase of work to include restoration of park layout with modifications to retain existing services in the park will proceed to Planning and Development in Q4 2018.
- The Fun Run event in early July was very successful and well attended.
- The Chair requested a one page update on the convent lands – to outline where the process currently stands.
- Litter remains a major issue in the area – the Chair requested a meeting to discuss the issue be convened in the next few weeks.
4. **HSE Update:**
   - Summerhill Primary Care Centre
     - Handover will be in Sept/Oct 2018
     - North Clarence street will be vacated following the move to the new centre
     - North Strand health Centre will **not** be closing
     - Dental service will increase from a 2 room service to a 4 room service.
     - TUSLA have looked for space in the building – there are bookable rooms in the building. A HSE rep will follow up with TUSLA on this
   - CAMHS – DNA rate for appointments has dropped to less that 5% since relocation to Grangegorman. When located in James Joyce St DNA rate was over 40%.
   - Health and Social Care Support worker – position has been advertised internally in HSE. Closing date for expressions of interest 31st July. I/V’s will be held on 8th August.

5. **Addiction**
   - It is acknowledged that there was a lack of specific actions in relation to addiction in the Mulvey Report – awaiting publication on new National Drugs Strategy document.
   - Addiction remains a major issue in the community – drugs, alcohol, gambling etc.
   - Following a number of representations and meeting the Chair proposed the establishment of a group on Addiction. **This was agreed by the Board.**
   - Jim Walsh, Dept of Health has agreed to chair the group.
   - Chair proposed the co-opting of Mr Walsh onto the Board – **this was agreed.**
   - Group will be small 6/7 members and will be action focussed.
   - Target to have first meeting before the end of August.

6. **Budget Group**
   The proposals listed below were approved for funding by the Board

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• A proposal to refurbish Newcomen Cottage (€143,000) was not approved. The Chair requested that a meeting be organised between the two groups that work in close proximity in that area.

• Total approved spend YTD - €1,891,778

• The Board also agreed to continue funding for the ANA Liffey ACMT until the end of 2018. The Chair requested that the Addiction group discuss and make a recommendation on continuation/discontinuation of funding beyond that date. DCC to liaise with Ana Liffey on this and to advise the Board on amount required for remainder of 2018. (€39,000 estimate)

• For noting:
Some additional costs arising from additional internal fire safety works and fit out of Lourdes Day Care Centre will arise which will require additional funding in 2018. Final costs to be established, other funding sources are being explored, but likely to require some additional NEIC funds for 2018.

7. AOB
The Chair thanked all involved in organising and attending the Community Engagement Event on Tuesday 17th July, in Peadar Kearney House, Railway St., D1.

Next meeting: 29th August 2018 @ 8am
Venue: The Talbot Centre, 29 Buckingham Street lower, D1.
### Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

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