

**Location:** Charleville Mall Library, North Strand, Dublin 1

**Time and date:** 8.00am, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Attendance:** Chair – Michael Stone, Conor Rowley (DCYA), Fergus McCabe (NICCC), Irene Crawley (NICCC), Superintendent Dan Flavin (Garda Síochána), Brendan Kenny (DCC), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), David Dillon (DSP), Denis Breen (DOT), Mary Walshe (HSE), Clare Butler (DOT/Programme Office), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).

**Apologies:** Caitriona O’Brien (DES), Chief Superintendent Sean Ward (Garda Síochána), Feargal O’Rourke (PwC), Karl Mitchell (DCC).

1. The Chairperson welcomed Ms Mary Walshe (HSE) to the group and thanked her for agreeing to join the Programme Implementation Board.
2. A presentation was made on behalf of Charleville Mall Library by Mags Curley and Brendan Teeling (Deputy City Librarian) on the Reader in Residence and Coder DoJo 2016 NEIC funded programmes. Both programmes have been positively received and well attended by children and groups from the NEIC area with plans to expand the activity to target older age groups.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Proposed: Mary Walshe

Seconded: Brendan Kenny

**Matters Arising:**

- **Public Engagement Event** (19<sup>th</sup> October 2017) – the event was a good success; the Chairperson thanked everyone for their participation on the day.
- The Chairperson reminded the group that the remit is the implementation of the 54 actions in the Mulvey report, anything beyond this requires approval at the PIB and from the Minister.
- **2018 Funding** – Budget submission has been made to Dept. of Finance
  - No indication to date of funding for 2018
  - We are not in a position to discuss budgets/allocations for 2018
  - Process to be developed for consideration of proposals for 2018
- **2017 Funding** - Chairperson asked the chairpersons of sub groups to re-examine progress on the actions funded in 2017.

#### 4. Sub Group Reports

##### Group 1 – Crime and Drugs.

- Group met on 17<sup>th</sup> October
- Installation of additional CCTV cameras to be submitted to CCTV Advisory Board for formal approval at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October.
- Meeting with Gardaí and OPW re refurbishment of Fitzgibbon Street station due. Funding has been approved. Cost €8million (circa)
- Approval granted to increase Divisional drugs Unit from 13 to 18
- Discussion re proposal from National Family Support Network (NFSN) and need for research element as previous research by Citywide on the subject is available. Sub Group chair to follow up with NFSN
- Garda Youth Awards for the area have been launched, targeted at young people between 13 and 21 years – closing date for submissions 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Seminar for Sub Group scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> November in Store Street
- Community representative requested an update on local asset profiling activity and its effectiveness in targeting local drug dealers.
- **PIB Chairperson** requested Fergus to follow up with Community Reps re representation on sub groups – 2 agreed per sub group. Sub Group 1 oversubscribed.
- **PIB Chairperson** requested an update on Mobile Unit including projected costs to facilitate draw down of 2017 Justice funding.
- **PIB Chairperson** also requested update on numbers of new Gardaí - indicating additional resources into the area and the numbers that have been reassigned out of the area.

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

- Group met on 10<sup>th</sup> October
- Gina Quin, President of NCI has joined the group as a business rep. This will enable the establishment of NEIC Learning and Employment Forum (action 2.4)
- Map of available services- text versions being finalised. DES investigating development of an interactive map.
- Engagement with Access officers from Trinity, NCI, DIT and DCU ongoing.
- Business in the Community (BITC) has offered to host a network for local business's and employers.
- DSP dedicated case officer working to fill vacancies notified by employers.
- Community Employment – DSP have relaxed the eligibility criteria for CE projects in the area to assist recruitment. A proposal has also been developed in relation to CE participation in the NEIC area and this has been submitted to DSP for consideration.
- 2 meetings have been held with representatives of New Communities in the area to discuss immediate needs. Arising from these meetings a proposal has been developed to undertake research and work with the New Communities in the area and to recommend priority actions. Estimated Cost €50,000 - **This proposal was approved.**

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- The potential for English Language training to take place in schools over summer months to prepare students for term time will be assessed in light of the experience in O'Connell's last summer.

**Group 3 – Family, Children and Youth Services.**

- Group scheduled meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October was cancelled due to hurricane Ophelia.
- Joanne Sexton, HSE is to join the group.
- Dept Children and Youth Affairs are undertaking a Value for Money project - the Youth services in the NEIC area have been chosen as the pilot for this project.
- Feedback from questionnaires at Public engagement event indicate –
  - People are proud of the area
  - Concerns over Drugs, crime and violence in the area.
  - Concerns regarding lack of information, access and integration of services in the area.
- Submissions have been received for consideration for funding in 2018.
- Concerns were raised over lack of actions in Mulvey Report concerning addiction services.

**Group 4 – Physical Refurbishment**

- Group met on 11<sup>th</sup> October.
- Public Realm Plan currently in development by DCC will require significant resources to progress to design team.
- Partnership with Sunflower Recycling on the *Green Ribbon* has commenced. Supply of two vehicles for this project is imminent.
- Derelict sites – DCC will make a short presentation at the next PIB meeting.
- Sale of Convent lands – negotiations are ongoing between DCC and preferred bidder.
- Rutland Street School – following completion of survey work DCC City Architects department are compiling a report and recommendations for presentation to stakeholders. Detailed report for next meeting.
- Late Night leagues –sub group reiterated the view that 2 year commitment was preferable – PIB reaffirmed its support for 1 year funding which can be revisited after one year. Meeting planned with FAI to agree metrics and get project developed for funding application.
- Attention was drawn to recent European Committee on Social Rights finding against Ireland on Social Housing. DCC officials advised that they are aware of this finding.
- Public Open hours of Sean McDermott Street swimming pool was raised – LEGACY Consultants due to complete report and present findings by end of November. This report will inform decisions on future of the Pool. DCC advised that pool is currently incurring a significant operational deficit annually.
- It was agreed that the recent Beacon community event in Railway Street was very successful.

4. Update from HSE

• Summerhill Health Centre:

This will be one of the largest health centres in the country and will combine the Primary Care Teams for both Summerhill and Inns Quay – catering for a population of circa 28,000, 25% of which are under 18 years. It is an area with a wide cultural diversity and high level of deprivation.

Services provided will include:

- General Practice Services (2 GP's)
- Public health/Community Nursing Services
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Physiotherapy Services
- Speech and language Services
- Psychology Services
- Dietetic Services
- Social Work Services
- Home Help Services
- Dental Services
- Mental Health Day Hospital and Community mental Health Service
- Early Intervention & School Age Services for children with Disabilities
- Meeting and administration accommodation
- Ambulance Services (located on site in separate building)

• James Joyce Street:

- Lease on building finishes in 2018
- All existing services will be retained and relocated to other sites within or adjoining the area.
- Currently working on a strategy to relocate services and a plan to inform the public/service users.
- There will be - **No Service Cuts**
- Will make a presentation to the PIB on this.

- There was a discussion on Drug services in the area. Concern was expressed re the number of drug users for other areas that attend the area each day to avail of services. There are approx 3,000 users of addiction services in the inner city. HSE will provide more information on addiction services for next meeting including details of satellite services.

5. Business Update

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- Engagement is ongoing with companies in the NEIC area following the recent meeting with Minister Donohoe, more focus required to deliver outcomes
- Tall Ships event in Dublin - June 2018. Opportunity for training programme to be part of this festival – possibly an opportunity for businesses to sponsor this.
- Dept of Social Protection introducing a new scheme – YESS (Youth Employment Support Scheme) in the near future and will be seeking support from businesses for this.
- In the context of a discussion regarding linking schools and work experience in local business at Sub Group 2, the business in the Community representative highlighted a similar programme run by them which might be a useful place to start.

6. **Community Grants:**

- Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- To date 30 applications received – total of €137,000 sought. (€100,000 available)
- Programme Office to seek independent person for involvement in evaluating submissions.
- A summary of recommended proposals will be circulated to the PIB for approval at the next meeting.
- The Board agreed that a small number of urgent items might be circulated and approved by email in advance of the next meeting should this be required.

7. **AOB**

- **Halloween Festival** – A night of events is planned for Halloween night for Killarney Street – a full event plan is in place for the evening.
- **LUAS Cross City** is launching on 9<sup>th</sup> December – they have agreed to include children from the NEIC area in the launch.
- Website has launched – **[www.neic.ie](http://www.neic.ie)**
- Questionnaires from 19<sup>th</sup> October to be forwarded to Clare Butler for collation.
- Chairperson reminded all the importance of respecting confidentiality and reporting decisions accurately and requested the sub group chairs to remind subgroup members of this.
- Community representative suggested the Programme Office might add Trade Unions to list of contacts that would be supportive of this work.
- Following discussions Irish Rail have agreed to a programme of works to be undertaken to clean up the bridges in the area. Tenders issued and in addition to Irish Rail staff costs, contractor costs are €17,000 for 6 bridges – they are seeking a contribution of €8,800 + VAT from NEIC which can be met from existing approved infrastructure works fund. **This was approved.**

The bridges in Question are:

- Ballybough Road
- Ballybough Road (beside canal)
- Annesley Close
- Spring Garden Street
- North Strand
- Northbrook Avenue Lower

**Next meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 @ 8am**

**Venue: Artists Studios, Firebrigade Station, Buckingham Street. D1.**

**Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:**

	<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>
<b>1.</b>	Process for evaluating proposals/submissions to be agreed.	<b>Programme office</b>
<b>2.</b>	Independent person identified to assist in evaluation of Community Grants.	<b>MOR</b>
<b>3.</b>	Update on Garda Mobile unit	<b>Chief Super Sean Ward</b>
<b>4.</b>	Update on additional Garda recourses for next meeting	<b>Chief Super Sean Ward</b>
<b>5.</b>	Update on Rutland Street School project.	<b>DCC</b>