

Location: DCC Docklands Office, Custom House Quay, D1.
Time and date: 8.00am, 26 th September 2018
Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Superintendent Gerry Murphy (Garda Síochána), Fergus McCabe (NICCC), Brendan Kenny (DCC) , Noel Hand (DEASP), Mary Cregg (DES), Mary Walshe (HSE), Trina O’Connor (NICCC), Mary Keenan (DOT), Conor Rowley (DCYA), Jim Walsh (DOH), Clare Butler (DOT/Programme Office), Karl Mitchell (DCC), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).
Apologies: Feargal O’Rourke (PwC), Chief Superintendent Sean Ward (Garda Síochána), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office)

The Board received an overview presentation of a map of services and facilities in Dublin’s North East Inner City. It provides a range of information including names of services, category, location, and where available a contact phone number and email address.

The map has been developed to be a useful tool for people living and working in the area. It will remain a work in progress and we will rely on services and users to provide any updates or corrections to the information displayed. This map has been developed in response to Action 3.7 in the Mulvey Report and is intended as a tool to assist in forging coordination, collaboration and greater service delivery. The map is currently available in DRAFT form to all on the NEIC website WWW.NEIC.ie

1. The Chair welcomed Ms. Mary Keenan, Department of the Taoiseach who is joining the Board as a replacement for Denis Breen. The Chair also thanked Mr Breen for his input and commitment to the PIB since it was established in June 2017 and wished him success in his new role.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Proposed: Superintendent Gerry Murphy

Seconded: Brendan Kenny

2. **Sub- Group reports**

Group 5 - Addiction:

- Gender imbalance on the sub group will be addressed by inviting some additional members to join the group.
- City Clinic premises requires improvement or new location to improve facilities for both staff and clients. 380 clients (55% originally from D1 area, 45% coming from homelessness and living in D1 area)
 - HSE + DCC met in relation to this. No obvious location at present.

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- A suggestion to disperse services was discussed but it was felt that there would be opposition to this.
- A suggestion to look at reconfiguring services eg relocating counselling to be considered.
- It was recommended that reps from Dept of Health and HSE meet with staff to discuss these matters and report back to PIB.
- Funding is in place for a new clinical lead for the HSE CO9 area. The recruitment process has commenced.
- The pilot Drug + Alcohol Wellbeing Programme needs to be consistent with DES and HSE guidelines.
 - The aim should be to have a similar programme in all primary and second level schools in the area.
 - A query was raised as to whether there would be any focus on Gambling/Video games addictions on this programme – clarification will be sought on this.
- The Housing First initiative – which will focus on long term “*rough sleepers*” – Dublin target to increase from 200 to 400 places. Coordinating group to be met to discuss how NEIC can be prioritised.
- A researcher has been recruited to undertake Dept of Health funded NICDATF needs assessment in the NEIC. The subgroup Chair has met with the researcher.
- The Ana Liffey Assertive case management team have been invited to make a presentation to the sub group on its work to date at its next meeting.

Group 4 – Physical Infrastructure

- Draft Greening Strategy has been presented to DCC Central Area Committee – the draft will soon enter a 6 week on-line consultation process.
- An outline of proposed actions to address ongoing issues with illegal dumping, litter, dog fouling etc was presented. The Chair is to meet with DCC Waste Management officials to discuss.
- Green Ribbon – a launch of the project will be held on Thursday 4th October 2018 in the Mansion House at 12pm.
- Rutland St School
 - External wrap is due to go up on the school by end of September.
 - Crèche is due to relocate.
 - Vacant possession is on target for end of November.
 - Design team working to have plans developed within a month.
 - Clarification required from CDETB re funding /commitment to certain elements.
 - Discussions in progress with LYCS/ASP on merging
 - DCC confirmed that funding is in place for the project to proceed.
- A series of community events continue to be delivered – upcoming events include Blue Light Fun Run – 27th September, The Last Picnic – 30th September. Preparations are ongoing for The Big Scream Halloween event.

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- Royal Canal Cycleway
 - Contract was formally awarded on 5th September.
 - Work to eradicate invasive species and rodent infestation has commenced, this is programmed to take 6 weeks.
 - Construction work will commence when eradication and infestation work is complete.
 - Phase 2 runs from Spencer Dock to Newcomen Bridge. Phase 3 runs from Newcomen Bridge to Cross Guns Bridge.

Group 2 – Employment, Training and Education

- Schools principal's network met on 25th September – 15 principals were invited, 13 attended.
- A schools principal from Limerick's OSCAILT Network attended the meeting.
- A lot of approaches are being made to schools about different initiatives.
- Attendance and retention are issues – further engagement required with TUSLA and the Education Welfare Service.
- Literacy and numeracy are emerging as issues to be addressed
- Transition to 3rd level education also requires some attention.
- Schools would welcome further links with and some inputs from the Gardaí
- The principals welcome the interaction with the NEIC in terms of sports and the arrival of Michael D Macauley into the area and look forward to working with him to promote sports and activity.

Group 3 – Family, Children and Youth Services

- Sub group Chair has written to DCC + HSE in relation to accommodation space for TUSLA in Rutland St school redevelopment and Summerhill Primary Health centre.
- Currently lack of spaces for under 2's in the area – DCYA to have some proposals in relation to this issue in the near future
- Critical Incident Protocol – Coordination group have reverted to their original proposal and will report back to the sub group.
- Integrated Social Service Conference in Croke Park, 19th September 2018.
 - 100 attendees
 - Generally positive event with good interaction between the attendees.
 - Call for more resources for organisations operating in the area
 - Attendees were reminded that the current initiative is an opportunity for all that has attention and focus from Government and very senior officials. It is important that the opportunities presented are not lost.
- Funding proposals received will be discussed at a special meeting of the sub group.
- Request has been received from TUSLA for a seat at the PIB.
- DCYA will fund a 6 day Executive Leadership programme for individuals working in NEIC. The programme will be delivered over 3 x 2 day workshops. The programme will be delivered by the University of Limerick. Final details of programme and the application process to issue in the near future.

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Group 1 – Crime and Drugs

- Drugs Related Intimidation action planning meeting will be held on 16th October 2018. The chairs of the other sub groups and other relevant reps have been invited to attend.
- Enabling works have commenced on Fitzgibbon St Garda Station.
- 20 new pedal bicycles are due for delivery in the next week.
- Garda CCTV committee is due to meet on 9th October – proposed additional cameras for NEIC listed for decision at this meeting.
- Community Support Van is out and about – some mixed reactions to it. Gardaí are keen to have other agencies involved with the van.
- A very successful boxing tournament was held on Saturday 22nd September in the Ringside Club at the North Boxing Stadium involving a North Inner City Selected Team v’s Ulster Selected TEAM.
- Garda personnel will be involved with the Community Action Network (CAN) in a dialogue process involving local young people.
- A presentation was made to the Board of the Community Policing Forum (CPF) at its recent meeting on Garda structures in the DNR division.

3. Community Update:

- Community Policing Forum (CPF) are endeavouring to engage with existing community groups and to link in with the Garda Small Area Policing units.
- The Chairs and Convenors of the NICCC have met and the feedback in relation to PIB activities is positive.
- Coalition reps have initiated a process to meet with local representatives and groups in relation to the Convent lands as to proposals for the site and how it might be moved forward.
- Coalition is looking at ways to further engage with new communities in the area and to encourage them to be involved.
- Coalition reps will actively link into issues involving drugs related intimidation.
- Requested that the EU Commission be contacted by NEIC Programme Office to investigate the possibility of funding for urban integration projects etc.
- A summary of policy documents from various agencies, Government depts. on the North Inner City is being assembled.

4. HSE Update

- Thompson Centre (HSE Addiction Centre) has relocated to Grangegorman.
- Summerhill Primary Care Centre – estimated handover date is November 2018, with fit out, commissioning etc centre won’t be operational until early 2019.

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- CAMHS – since the relocation from James Joyce St to Grangegorman attendance at CAMHS has increased and the DNA rate has reduced.
- HSE would be happy and willing to engage with the Gardaí on the Community Support Van.

5. Measuring Impact and Evaluation

Following recent discussion at the NEIC Oversight Group, it was agreed that the Department of the Taoiseach in conjunction with relevant Departments and Agencies would commence a piece of work aimed at measuring the impact and progress of the NEIC Initiative to date.

As a first step, the Department of the Taoiseach contacted relevant Departments and Agencies with a view to determining what quantitative data, in the form of metrics, data sets, statistics and/or indicators, might be readily available. The aim of this information was to help build a profile of the area and assist in the development of baseline information for future assessments.

It is evident, following assessment and analysis of the information received, that a number of gaps exist relating to the impact of the Initiative on the wider community.

For example, information indicating the sense of safety in the community; attitude towards crime, particularly among young people; trust in State institutions; or a sense of improved community spirit is not available at the level required without tailored social research.

In order to develop a more rounded view and better understand of the Initiative’s impact, the opinions and views on of residents and young people could be gathered and analysed. This research could focus on the four major areas of impact and help fill any gaps in data which currently exist.

However, further discussion is required to flesh out this potential including the context and research parameters.

6. Budget

There was no budget group meeting in August but the following proposals were discussed and approved by the Board:

New Proposals	
Lourdes day-care centre - to cover costs of meeting DAC and FAC conditions.	40,000
Community Grants – to increase funding available to applicants in Rnd2 of funding..	30,000
PTECH – Project management cost	20,000
Sports ambassador	10,000
Installation of 10 “Big Belly” bins	50,000
Total	150,000

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- Total approved spend 2018 YTD - €2,372,278.00

7. AOB

- **Blue Light** Fun Run (Thursday 27th September @ 7.30pm)
- Tourism + Hospitality Careers Showcase (Thurs. 27th 10am – 11.30am, Croke Park)
- The Last Picnic (Sunday 30th Sept., Mountjoy Square 1pm to 5pm)
- Identify positive role models for the area.
- Garda Youth Awards – 17th November, Croke Park.
- The Chair reminded the meeting that there will be a **Community Engagement Event** on **Tuesday 2nd October, in St Laurence O’Toole Court, Oriel Street Upper D1 – 4pm to 6pm.**

Next meeting: TUESDAY 30th October 2018 @ 8am

Venue: ICTU, 31- 32 Parnell Square West, Dublin 1.

Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

What	Who
Contact Hammersons re ILAC redevelopment	Programme Office
Contact schools re access to facilities	Programme Office
Royal canal cycleway – drawings and programme for PIB	DCC
Follow up on Dormant Accounts	Programme Office
EU Commission be contacted to investigate the possibility of funding for urban integration projects	Programme Office