

North East Inner City Initiative Programme Implementation Board

Location: Belvedere Youth Club, 41 Buckingham Street, Dublin 1.
Time and date: 8am, 25 th September 2019
Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Chief Superintendent Paddy McMenamin (An Garda Síochána), Superintendent Paul Costello (An Garda Síochána), Conor Rowley (DCYA), Paddy Murdiff (NICCC), Mary Cregg (DES), Mary Keenan (DoT), Donal Cassidy (HSE), Joy McGlynn (Tusla), Noel Hand (DEASP) Noel Wardick (NICCC), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), Clare Butler (DoT/Programme Office), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).
Apologies: Feargal O’Rourke (PwC), Jim Walsh (DoH), Brendan Kenny (DCC), Karl Mitchell (DCC)

Jenny Courtney, Manager Belvedere Youth Club (BYC) gave a short overview presentation to the Board on the range of services provided by BYC. Currently BYC engages with 330 young people on a weekly basis.

The Chair thanked Jenny for the overview and wished her and BYC success in their work.

The Chair welcomed Chief Superintendent Paddy McMenamin to the group and wished him well in his new role.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Proposed: Paddy Murdiff (NICCC)

Seconded: Mary Keenan (DoT)

1. **Budget Group**

Mainstreaming:

The Board tasked the Budget Group with identifying projects suitable for mainstreaming and the most suitable body to fund them going forward (from 2021 onwards). It was agreed that the output of the Budget Group would be discussed at a future PIB and then brought to the Oversight Group for discussion.

The Chair of the board advised that a request for funding for NEIC in 2020 has been submitted to the Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform/Department for Finance.

Social Employment Fund (SEF):

A meeting was held with the relevant stakeholders - Department of Rural and Community Development (D/RCD), Department of the Taoiseach (DoT), Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (D/EASP) and Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (D/PER). We are approaching the start of Year 3 of the 3-year pilot so it is timely to discuss the Fund and its impact. It was agreed that a paper outlining the clear business case for the Fund be prepared. The Department of Children and Youth Affairs (D/CYA) to be included in future discussions.

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The following funding proposals were approved by the Board:

Sub Group	Project	Amount	Mulvey Action
1	Repairs to CCTV installations*	€9,716	1.7
4	Sport and Wellbeing Programmes (additional)	€25,200	2.2
	Total (September)	€34,916	

*It was agreed the "Repair and Replace" costs for CCTV installation to be discussed to agree the appropriate location for these.

This brings the total funds approved by the PIB to date to **€6,342,046.**

2. Sub group reports

Group 2 – Education, Training and Employment

- The Draft Strategic Plan was discussed – feedback and suggestions have been returned to Stephen Nicholson, (PwC).
- The research/report on Social Enterprise/Economy in the NEIC is nearing completion and will be discussed at the next Subgroup meeting.
- NEIC Work Experience Programme Co-ordinator (based in NCI) is in place. The programme has been launched <http://www.neic.ie/news/opening-doors-opening-minds-2019-2020>. Placements for students are being sought in both the public and the private sector.
Board members from Departments and agencies represented at the PIB again were requested to seek four placements to support the work experience programme.
- It was reported that the Summer Work Placement programme in the Funds industry (coordinated by BITCI) was very successful. A report will issue in the near future.
- A Jobs Fair organised by D/EASP will be held on 24th October in Sheriff Youth Club.
- A Career's fair for students in the 6second-level schools in the NEIC is planned for mid-January 2020 and will be held in the NCI.
- Final adjustments are being made to the job description and role profile for the NEIC Intercultural Development Officer. It is expected that the position will be advertised in the near future.
- PTECH – the laptops and equipment for the programme have been delivered and the students are actively engaged with the programme.

Group 4 – Physical Infrastructure

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- The draft Strategic Plan – Following an extensive discussion, a number of revisions and amendments have been forwarded for inclusion.
- Public Realm plan – DCC have engaged a specialist firm “Space Syntax” to conduct an urban analysis in the area. Report is due in Q4 2019.
- Greening Strategy – projects identified for 2019 are on track with the exception of Guild Street, which is deferred pending completion of cycleway works. This project has been substituted by the Store St Plaza. Specific timelines will be determined following completion of DCC inter departmental approvals process.
- Rutland Street School - Part 8 planning process for the main contract is progressing. Following presentation to the central Area Committee in September, it will be presented for approval to the October meeting of Dublin City Council.
- Following the outcome of recent structural investigations, it proved necessary to evacuate the “School on Stilts” building. DCC are actively engaging with the affected groups to source suitable alternative accommodation.
- NEIC Community Grants - It was noted that applications are being accepted until 30th September. Applicants are being sought under the following themes:
Theme 1 – “Brooms and Blooms” – clean-up and enhance your street.
Theme 2 – Active Living, recreation and Wellbeing.
- The litter initiative is showing some signs of improvement in one heavily littered street.
- Halloween – Plans are at an advanced stage for the *Big Scream* Halloween event. A big collaborative effort has been ongoing for a number of weeks regarding organising the event. The steering committee has taken the decision to provide for a mini event in Sheriff St. Discussions are ongoing between DCC and the Gardaí re an acceptable location in the Sheriff St area for a bonfire.

Group 1 – Crime and Drugs.

- The recruitment process for staff for the Drug Related Intimidation Project has been completed and staff are now in place. A meeting of the steering group has been arranged for 3rd October.
- Liberty Park – the high visibility operation continues in this area with both bike and beat patrols from early morning to late night. There has been a number of recent successes in the detection of offences. Suspects have been identified in relation to recent damage to CCTV installations and are being dealt with by the JLO.
- The Community Support Van continues to be deployed throughout the NEIC.
- It was noted that the Gardaí are liaising with DCC in relation to Halloween and the gathering of tyres and other bonfire materials.
- The training programme with new probationer Gardaí is ongoing.
- A discussion took place in relation to a proposal to establish a Community Policing Forum. It was agreed that a number of initiatives had been initiated since the proposal was drafted. The proposers of the proposal were requested to redraft their paper to avoid duplication of services.
- The Chief Superintendent expressed a view that opportunities need to be provided for residents and members of the community to engage directly with the Gardaí. He indicated that he would look at providing such a forum in the near future.

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- The community reps raised a number of issues in relation to what appears to be on street drug dealing and anti-social behaviour. The Gardaí asked that the community reps encourage residents, etc. to report by phone or email and incidents to the Community Office. The email address is – DMR.NorthCentral.Community@garda.ie

Group 3 – Integrated System of Social Services.

- The group noted that there was a lack of consultation on the draft Strategic Plan and the period for feedback on the draft was very short. The group felt that the decision to split subgroup 3 should have been made in consultation with subgroup members.
- The group felt that the integration of services and the ISDF should be above all the subgroups. All representatives in the NEIC Initiative should be promoting the integration of services and the ISDF.
- Following a lengthy discussion the group agreed with the proposal in the draft Strategic Plan in relation to splitting the subgroup into 2 separate groups and forming an additional Subgroup (i.e. Subgroup 6).
- A meeting was arranged to discuss and agree the priorities for subgroup 3 and 6 for input into the Strategic Plan.
- It was noted that the two proposed chairs for Subgroups 3 and 6 (Tusla rep and DCYA rep) were happy with the proposal to form two groups.
- The closure of the School on Stilts was noted as an issue that needs urgent attention. The relevant stakeholders are in discussions with DCC to source new accommodation.
- The After Schools research that was commissioned by YPAR through the NEIC Initiative is ongoing. It was noted that relevant stakeholders will be contacted in the coming weeks.
- Representatives from Boston College will be visiting the NEIC from 30/09/19 to 3/10/19 to consult with stakeholders and undertake some research with regard to implementing the City Connects model in the area.

Group 5 – Substance use and misuse

The subgroup meeting focussed on the draft Strategic Plan. The group discussed the proposals and recommendations were agreed. These have been submitted for consideration and inclusion in the next draft.

3. Community Update:

- The closure of the School on Stilts is a concern. Access to files and equipment for the groups that were operating there is required. DCC advised that they are aware of the situation, they are working to identify alternative accommodation for groups and will make arrangements for all material to be safely removed from the building.
- Concern was expressed about on street drug dealing and antisocial behaviour. It was reported that some of this has come about due to the displacement of similar activity from Liberty Park. The Chair asked the Gardaí for action on these concerns.
- A query was raised in relation to progress on Urban Land Institute (ULI) report. DCC advised that the report is in draft form at present and is due for completion by end of October.
- A copy of the ULI final presentation was requested – it was agreed to circulate a copy to the PIB.

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- Concerns were expressed in relation to the National Childcare Scheme. While there are positive aspects to the National Childcare Scheme, there are concerns about the impact the National Childcare Scheme will have for services and families in the NEIC. It was noted that the Community Coalition have not received a response from DCYA to their correspondence on the matter. DCYA rep to follow up on this and enquire re the possibility of a meeting on the matter with appropriate officials.
- It was noted that there was no response to the tender document in relation to Liberty Park. The tender will be re-advertised.

4. HSE Update :

Stabilisation programme:

- This unit is now open; there are people in the Peter McVerry (PMcV) pre entry programme preparing for admission on Monday 30th September.
- Referrals from City Clinic have been received and are being processed by the pre admission unit in PMcV.

Homeless Case Management Team

- Case managers are working with individuals in hostels in particular the Spire and Cedar House both on Marlborough Street. Currently working with a caseload of 35 people, but have engaged with in excess of 60 residents. These are complex cases and require a significant amount of interagency collaboration with agencies such as Dublin City Council, Peter McVerry Trust, Cedar House, The Spire Hostel, Crinan Youth Project, Safety Net, Coolmine Lodge and Coolmine House, City Clinic, Pears Street Clinic, The Granby and the Thompson Clinic.

Addiction Case Management Team

- This team is operational and are supporting staff in City Clinic; there are 2 full time case managers with a combined case load of 30 clients.

Roll out of a common assessment tool to support Case Management in the area

- The HSE supported by the Treatment and Rehabilitation sub group of the Drug and Alcohol Task Force are rolling out a common assessment tool to support case management in the area. To date 14 agencies (excluding HSE sites) have signed up to the project with 60 staff across HSE and NGOs being trained and using the approach. To date it is estimated in the region of 200 have engaged in the assessment. A three-month review is planned.

Breast check mobile unit

- The breast check mobile unit is located on Sean McDermott Street until end October providing a targeted response to the low uptake of the breast screening programme in the NEIC. The HSE are being supported by DCC and the Lourdes Day Care Centre in particular. An extensive advertising campaign will commence today, supported by the DCC, Drug and Alcohol Task Force, all NGOs in the area and the new case management teams will be assisting with the campaigning.

Visit of Minister Byrne to the Inclusion Health Hub

- Minister Byrne visited the Inclusion Health Hub on the 18th September 2019 and met with staff, who gave an overview of the service, case studies and how the Inclusion Health Model and the Inclusion Health Hub is enhancing their service.

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5. Tusla Update :

- The premises at 69 Amiens Street, which will house the Family Support team, is due for completion by the end of November.
- The baby *play mat*, which has been delivered to 220 babies living in homeless accommodation in North Dublin through the Dublin Region Homeless Executive, has been nominated for an Irish Health care award. The *play mat* was a collaborative initiative involving ABC Programmes in North Dublin, Dublin City North CYPSC, Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Focus Ireland.

6. Community Showcase event.

- Will take place on Friday 27th September, in *Dlight* studio, Dunne St, D1 (10.30am to 1pm)
- 18 groups will have information stands.
- 5 sample projects will give an overview of the work they are involved in.
- Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure & Reform will attend.

Next meeting: Wednesday 30th October 2019 @ 8.00am

Venue: Larkin Unemployed Centre, 57-58 North Strand Rd, North Strand, Dublin 3, D03 XT26

Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

What	Who
Circulate Urban Land Institute presentation	Programme Office
Organise Community Engagement Event	AGS
Circulate Joint Policing Committee information	Programme Office
Follow up re National Childcare Scheme	DCYA