

Programme Implementation Board

Location: Talbot Centre, 29 Buckingham Street, Dublin 1.
Time and date: 8.00am, 29 th August 2018
Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Chief Superintendent Sean Ward (Garda Síochána), Fergus McCabe (NICCC), Brendan Kenny (DCC) , Noel Hand (DEASP), Mary Cregg (DES), Trina O’Connor (NICCC), Conor Rowley (DCYA), Jim Walsh (DOH), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), Clare Butler (DOT/Programme Office), Karl Mitchell (DCC), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).
Apologies: Feargal O’Rourke (PwC), Denis Breen (DOT), Des O’Flynn (HSE)

Mary Cotter and Liam Roe, project leaders in Talbot Centre gave a short overview on the work of the Talbot Centre.

The Chair thanked Mary and Liam for their presentation, the use of the premises and wished them well with their work.

1. The Chair welcomed Mr. Jim Walsh, Department of Health as a new member to the Board.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Proposed: Fergus McCabe

Seconded: Chief Superintendent Sean Ward

2 Community Update:

- The convenors and Chairs of the NICCC sub groups have met; they have been requested to reflect on the original submissions that they made and to feed back to the chair of the Coalition.
- The Coalition Addiction subgroup submitted a list of recommendations to Kieran Mulvey – this group has been requested to reflect on the list and to report back on its priorities. They will present a report to NEIC Addiction Group in early autumn.
- The potential for employment opportunities in the redevelopment of the Clery’s site was discussed – the Chair advised that there is a possibility that a change in planning for this site will be sought; he will follow up as appropriate with developers.
- The community would like further clarifications with regard to the operation of the Summerhill Primary Care Centre.
- Halloween Festival 2018 – disappointment expressed that there appears to be a reduction in the funding allocated for this event in comparison to the 2017 event. DCC rep advised that funding has been allocated in a different manner in 2018 and that funding will not be an issue to ensure the success of the event.

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- Meeting to be organised with NICCC, DCC and independent researcher in relation to responses received from agencies re exiting strategy documents relating to NEIC.
- Very positive response from the community in relation to the extension of opening hours in Sean McDermott St swimming pool.
- The Chair note that there has been a lot of community based event activity during August, including:
 - Additional opening hours in swimming pool.
 - Monto festival
 - Senior citizens event for Pope Francis's visit
 - Festival of nations event

The Chair thanked all involved for the effort and support that was invested to make these events a success.

2. Sub- Group reports

Group 1 – Crime and Drugs

- The Papal visit on 25/8/2018 passed off without incident in the area. Reports received to the Gardaí in relation to the event at Sean McDermott St church were very positive.
- A dignified protest was held at the convent on Sean McDermott St on Sunday 26/8/2018.
- The sub group meeting focussed on the report from the Drugs Intimidation Conference. The report writer was in attendance and discussed all aspects on the report with the group. The next step is to develop an action plan to implement the recommendations in the report. The recommendation for involvement in the action planning session is:
 - Sub group 1 members
 - Chairs of other sub groups
 - Dept of Justice rep
 - Community rep
 - Schools rep
 - Rep. from Homeless service
 - Rep. from new communities
- Fitzgibbon St Garda station work is planned to start.
- New Probationer Gardaí due to the division in September.
- 20 new pedal bikes have been purchased for the area.
- Community Support van is being deployed daily in the area.
- Drugs Unit activity has increased
 - Possession up by 40%, Sale and Supply up by 31%, Searches up by 124%
- Community policing plan is being developed – a submission has been received from the Community Policing Forum.
- A boxing tournament has been arranged between a representative team from NEIC against a team from clubs in Tyrone for 22nd September in the National Stadium.
- A number of positive reports in terms of policing have been received from businesses and residents in the vicinity of Liberty Park.

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Group 2 – Employment, Training and Education

- 8 applications were received for the 3rd level Community Childcare Bursary fund. & applicants satisfied the criteria and have been approved for support - totalling €18,400.
- BITCI are meeting with the Irish Funds Industry Association (IFIA) to outline their plans for Summer Work Placement Programme seeking commitment for this programme from members. If approved, programme rollout will begin in schools in January 2019 for summer 2019 placements.
- DEASP now have a single employment engagement team for the North Inner City area comprised of 5 staff. This is a new team, currently focused on networking and engagement with the community and relevant stakeholders. A new Case Officer will also be replacing the existing case officer in the area. DEASP to liaise with the Programme Office in relation to this.
- Update in relation to the 128 clients referred to the Larkin Centre for one to one meetings to assess their needs and job profile:
 - 47 have attended for interview to date with 22 having missed 2 interviews. Working through the remainder of clients to schedule interviews.
 - Feedback and engagement has been positive. Majority of those interviewed have previously been employed; worked on CE schemes etc.
 - Some have Third Level qualifications
 - Training requirements and employment ambitions are emerging following interaction with the clients.
 - Next Steps: Formation of a working group to discuss further case management and follow up.
 - It was noted that the partnership with the Larkin Centre has been successful, with the person-centered approach proving beneficial.
- Young Social Innovators (YSI): DES was in contact with YSI to discuss the rollout of their project which has received funding under the Dormant Accounts Scheme. They are currently involved with 20 schools and plan to expand to a further 20 schools. DES has asked that a focus of the expansion is placed on NEIC schools. DES will keep the Board informed as the project moves forward and schools are identified.
- P-Tech Rollout of this programme is progressing with a further meeting to take place in early September.
- Liaison with DCYA: Meeting to take place between DES, DCYS and Tusla in relation to retention and transition in primary and post primary schools.
- Belvedere Youth Club – a proposal from Belvedere Youth Club was discussed Content of the proposal was broadly welcomed, concerns were expressed that there may be duplication in terms of the service being provided. It was agreed that there is a need for the intervention to be area based approach as opposed to a project-specific. It was recommended that CDETB liaise with Belvedere Youth Club in relation to this proposal and invite them to discuss it at the next forum.

DEASP rep advised that the CE project in Belvedere Youth club is struggling for numbers and that it requires some attention.

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- Discussions are ongoing with Irish Hotel federation in relation to an information event in the area to advise on employment opportunities in the hospitality sector.
- DES are working on stats on numbers in schools in the NEIC area.

Group 3 – Family, Children and Youth Services

- Mapping exercise has been completed by CES. Representatives in the NEIC to give feedback on the mapping exercise and to engage with CES on the idea of what an integrated delivery framework would look like.
- “Working Together for Children and Young people in the North East Inner City” Conference on 19th September in Croke Park facilitated by CES
- Sub group Chair met with TUSLA manager to progress TUSLA hub with regard to Rutland St redevelopment. TUSLA will have premises on Amiens Street by end of 2018 to house their Family Support Workers and space for Social Worker appointments.
- PIB Chair visited St Ultan’s in Cherry Orchard – where the Primary School, Nursery, Early Education, Care Unit and the community work in cooperation in the same building – to see how this partnership worked.

The Chair reported that he was impressed with the set up and how all the services worked in an integrated fashion to ensure the best outcomes for the children.

- Following meeting of PEIN and the Subgroup, this action has been put on hold until the completion of the integrated delivery framework. This will allow the group to get a better sense of what a ‘What Works Here’ hub might look like and how it may be beneficial to the NEIC.

Sharing knowledge and experiences would enable the NEIC to work on a collaborative level rather than continuing to work in silos specifically relating to services working with the same families.

- Meeting with DCYA officials and YPAR Early Years working group to establish a pilot for childcare services in the NEIC to provide places for children aged 0-2 years. Originally YPAR working group had selected three childcare services, however, following discussions they have expanded the initial three and have submitted for review a number of additional services that would be appropriate to be involved in the pilot.

A submission will be sent to the relevant Assistant Secretary in DCYA for approval of the pilot and funding. An update will follow on this.

- Detached Youth outreach - Funding of €150k recommended for Swan Youth Service to implement recommendations from Detached Outreach Pilot which was led by Swan Youth Service.
- Bank of Counselling/psychotherapy hours - A further €14k has been recommended to continue counselling hours through YPAR. This will be reviewed following a meeting of youth mental health representatives and recommendations coming from that meeting.
- Service Integration Support Coordinator - Interviews held and a candidate was successful. Issues re appointment currently being clarified

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Group 4 – Physical Infrastructure

- Convent lands – planned for decision at October’s Dublin City Council meeting.
- 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 is complete.
- Rutland St School – design team is progressing are progressing with their work, TUSLA are keen to have a presence in the refurbished building.
Wrap for the building will be ready for installation at end September/early October.
- Diamond Park – Full redevelopment is planned by end 2020. Interim upgrades were discussed and will be followed up on by DCC.
- 10 Big Belly Bins waste will be installed in coming weeks at the following locations:
 - Amiens St at North Start Hotel.
 - Amiens St at Cleary’s public house.
 - Amiens St at junction with Buckingham St.
 - North Strand Rd at 5 lamps.
 - North Strand Rd at Gala supermarket.
 - North Circular Rd/Summerhill junction @bicycle shop.
 - Summerhill at Rutland St
 - Summerhill parade at Bridge Tavern
 - Ballybough Rd @ Spring garden Street.
- Meeting re litter in the area to be organised with Chair and DCC officials.
- Greening Strategy report is complete and will now be presented to City Councillors.
- Construction Skill Training - €200k has been allocated to support the training programme (€100k from Dept of Housing and €100k from DCC)
- A wide range of events, both large and small, have taken place for all ages in during August for all ages.
- A Fun Run event has been organised in cooperation with the Gardaí for Thursday 27th September @ 7.30pm starting at Sean McDermott St church – “Blue Light fun Run”.

Group 5 - Addiction:

- 1st meeting of this subgroup was held on 28th August 2018.
- Chaired by Jim Walsh, Dept of Health with representatives from HSE Addiction service, NICDATF, HSE Clinical Lead addiction, NICCC
- Terms of reference agreed by the group.
- Focus will be on *Creating an Integrated System of Social Service – Action 8, Mulvey Report.*
- The group will also focus on the contents of National Drugs Strategy and implementing in North East Inner City.
- Focus for the short term:
 - Facilities for City Clinic (Improvements)
 - Governance + Case Management
 - Proposed NICDATF education programme- ensure that the programme contents are in line with existing HSE programme.

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- Homelessness and drugs (Housing First Programme)
- DOH is funding NICDATF to have a needs assessment undertaken in the NEIC - subgroup will oversee the needs assessment. This will produce a set of actions for implementation.
- HSE commencing a review of Services being provided through Local Drugs Taskforces – NICDATF review commencing in September.

3. Budget

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

New Proposals	
Irish Rail – (Store St bridge cleaning and painting at Ballybough Bridge)- contribution	12,000
Larkin Community College (bike maintenance prog. – college to engage with CDETB for funding after this iteration) - contribution	16,500
North Inner City Folklore Project (Rent and Utilities)	20,000
Extended opening hours for Sean McDermott St Pool (Nov '18 to April '19)	60,000
Exercise equipment for Diamond Park	40,000
Total	148,500

- Total approved spend YTD - €2,040,278.00
- 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.

4. AOB

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- The Chair commented that there has been a disimprovemnet in terms of LITTER in the area.
 - Legislation to do with littering is poor
 - An Garda Síochána 's role is to support Litter wardens
 - DCC will convene a group to focus on this issue.
- The Chair commented on the good work that the Green Ribbon is doing – he visited the area in which they were working and was impressed with the improvements in these areas.
- The Chair reminded the meeting that there will be a **Community Engagement Event** on **Tuesday 11th September, in Ballybough Court, Ballybough from 4pm to 6pm.**

Next meeting: 26th September 2018 @ 8am

Venue: DCC Docklands Office, Customs House Quay, D1.

Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

What	Who
Garda CCTV group meeting on Friday 7 th September – additional locations for approval	Gardaí
Stats on numbers etc in schools	DES
Follow up re OPW(Fitzgibbon St), Dublin Bus and Central Bank	Programme office