North East Inner City Initiative: Meeting Note





Location: Department of Education and Skills, Marlboro St, D1.

Time and date: 8.00am, 30th May 2018

Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Chief Superintendent Sean Ward (Garda Síochána), Feargal O'Rourke (PwC), Brendan Kenny (DCC), Fergus McCabe (NICCC), Denis Breen (DOT), Irene Crawley (NICCC), Conor Rowley (DCYA), Noel Hand (DEASP), Dalton Tattan (DES), Mary Walshe (HSE), Michael O'Riordan (Programme Office).

Mairead Mahon, Tamzin Brogan, Claudio Marsella, Diksha Ramsurn Melvin Jumungall – SWAN Youth Service made a presentation to the Board following the recent SWAN NEIC Youth Café event, at the start of the meeting.

Apologies: Fergus McCabe (NICCC), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), Karl Mitchell (DCC), Clare Butler (DOT/Programme Office),

- 1. Mairead Mahon, Tamzin Brogan, Claudio Marsella, Diksha Ramsurn and Melvin Jumungall, SWAN Youth Service made a presentation to the Board following the recent SWAN NEIC Youth Cafe event and highlighted a number of issues including:
 - Restorative practice work has been positive
 - Improving interactions with Gardaí and helping young people feel safe in their community
 - Improving nature of Career Guidance on offer in schools
 - Drug Education in schools needs to be tailored and interactive
 - Avoids stigmatising young people with criminal records for small drug possession
 - Lack of job opportunities for young people.

The Chair thanked the group for taking the time to attend and making the presentation.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Proposed: Brendan Kenny **Seconded:** Mary Walshe

2. Business update:

- Meetings with employers in the area continue likely meeting with M/Finance in September.
- Applicants continue to be supported in applying for identified positions.
- Tall Ships event donations pledged to support the 48 trainees that are participating.
- Working with NCI on developing an Access programme for the NEIC.
- 2356 currently on the live register in the NEIC area DEASP to undertake further analysis of the figures circulated following discussion with Sub Group 2.

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3. **Community Update** – community rep advised that they would feed in comments during sub group reports.

4. Sub- Group reports

Group 1 – Crime and Drugs

- Draft floor plan for Fitzgibbon St Garda station refurbishment was circulated among the members for information.
- 11 additional Gardaí have been assigned to the DMR North Central division. These are due to arrive in early June 2018.
- Divisional drugs unit has been restored to full strength this will assist in addressing the issue of people coming into the area to buy drugs.
- CCTV camera installation is ongoing estimated completed date 8th June 2108.
- Additional CCTV locations for discussion at JPC on 11th June 2018.
- Community Support Vehicle due at end of June 2108.
- Drugs Intimidation Seminar will be held in Croke Park on 18th June 2018 to be followed by an awareness campaign
- 6 second level schools have been contacted with regard to a work experience programme for 12 transition year students in Store Street Garda Station
- A café dialogue session with new Probationer Gardaí involving community reps was held.
- An area policing plan is currently being developed.

Community Feedback -

- Positive response to increased Garda presence on the streets incl. Liberty Park
- An appropriate location is required in the area for people to report intimidation
- Call for separate sub group on drug addiction and rehabilitation.

Group 2 – Employment, Training and Education

- DES meetings with post primary schools are ongoing to explore opportunities for collaboration absence of a guidance teacher in O'Connell's remains a concern.
- The 6 week English Language Summer School is proceeding in O'Connell's/NCI over June/July funded by DES, O'Connell's and NCI.
- Summer Work Placement Programme (BITC) could not deliver 2018 programme in the timeframe available and will plan instead for 2019.
- Interviews have been held for all 30 positions under Pilot Social Employment Fund. 26 positions have been filled and offers made for 4 remaining places.
- The sub group agreed that the proposal from Dublin Town to deliver a Commis Chef training programme is not cost effective as it stands without a strong candidate pool.
- The Irish Hotel Federation to be approached to discuss holding jobs fair for the hospitality sector which could incorporate the restaurant sector to gauge interest.
- Barista training programme is underway.

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- A meeting to discuss development of Social Enterprise in the NEIC are has been arranged with Inner City Enterprise (ICE)
- Sub Group will hold a detailed discussion at next meeting to gain a better understanding of NEIC Intreo client group to assess further actions required.

Group 3 – Family, Children and Youth Services

- Work is underway on the mapping of youth services and integrated delivery framework.
- Discussions have taken place with Tusla about services in the NEIC.
- Lack of availability of early year's places for 0 to 2 year olds in the NEIC has been raised as an issue and is being explored further with DCYA.
- Sub Group to review evaluation of funded Outreach service recently received
- Mental Health Roundtable discussion event organised for 5th June.
- DCC Sports Officer is looking at access to facilities in the schools.
- Parenting Programmes sub group reviewing programmes that are provided in the area.

Group 4 – Physical Infrastructure

- Planning permission granted for Aldborough House. DCC to follow up with owner.
- DCC following up on a number of derelict sites in the area.
- DCC reported despite ongoing efforts to engage and discuss local concerns there is continued opposition to sale of Convent land.
- It was suggested that there further efforts could be made by DCC to advise local community of the benefits in terms of:
 - Employment opportunities both during the construction phase and the longer term
 - Accommodation that will be provided for the elderly
 - DCC should outline the range of social housing development that is currently being constructed in the area.
 - Meet with Magdalene survivors group display what is proposed for the memorial
 - Community facilities that will be provided space for Crinan Project etc.
 - Artists impressions of Building or even a 3D model

5. HSE Update:

- The Summerhill primary care building is due for handover to the HSE in July 2018. It is estimated it will open for public use in October 2018.
- Mapping of North Strand and Summerhill heath care centres is ongoing to decide definitively which personnel and services will relocate to the new building.
- The North Strand health centre will remain as a HSE health centre.
- The Thompson Centre, HSE Addiction Services Treatment Centre is relocation to Grangegorman.

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6. **Budget Group**

The budget Group met on 24th May – the recommendations for funding from the group to the Board for support are:

Drug Education in Schools	25,000
Upskilling Childcare Workers	25,000
Green Ribbon	143,918
Swimming Pool usage	30,000
What works here hub training	12,000
Men's Health	22,380
Youth Counselling	46,000
	304,298

The recommendations were discussed and approved by the Board.

This brings funding approved by the Board to €1,663,858 for 2018.

7. AOB

- A needs assessment will be undertaken to identify how the NICDATF can best contribute to
 the NEIC programme, in the context of implementing the national drugs strategy, *Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery*. The assessment will be led by the Taskforce and funded by
 D/Health. The needs assessment will be carried out by an independent researcher who will
 consult with the NEIC PIB, the HSE, community organisations and other relevant
 stakeholders. The proposed actions will be finalised in conjunction with the NEIC Programme
 Implementation Board.
- The Board discussed the request to separate Drugs from the Crime and Drugs sub group. The need to create a discussion space on addiction from the point of view of preventative measures, treatment and rehabilitation was recognised. Some caution was expressed at setting up another subgroup and ensuring this supports rather than duplicates the work of the existing NICDATF. It was also suggested to facilitate this as a subset of the existing subgroup. The Chair will reflect further on this.
- The Chair announced that DES has agreed to the secondment on Michael Darragh Macauley to the NEIC as a Community Sports Engagement Manager. The aim will be to strengthen and enhance the capacity of the NEIC Initiative to further develop locally led plans and more long term sustainable physical activity programmes outlined under the 'Mulvey Report'. The creation of this Development post will enable NEIC PIB to achieve greater delivery of recommendations as outlined in the 'Mulvey Report'. Mr Macauley will take up his position form 1st September 2018.

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Next meeting: 27th June 2018 @ 8am

Venue: Dublin City Community Coop Office, Unit 1 Killarney Court,

Buckingham Street, Dublin 1.

Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

What	Who
Follow up on English language summer school	Programme Office
List of companies in the IFSC area to be compiled and for	
follow up.	Programme Office
Follow up with TUSLA re services in NEIC	Programme office
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Chair advised sub-group chairs that he wants an	
update/review of the 54 actions in the Mulvey report	Sub Group chairs
for the June PIB meeting	