

Location: ICTU Office, Parnell Square, Dublin 1.
Time and date: 8.00am, 30 th October 2018
Attendance: Chair – Michael Stone, Chief Superintendent Sean Ward (Garda Síochána), Fergus McCabe (NICCC), Brendan Kenny (DCC) , Noel Hand (DEASP), Donal Cassidy (HSE), Mary Keenan (DOT), Conor Rowley (DCYA), Jim Walsh (DOH), Clare Butler (DOT/Programme Office), Ursula Donnellan (DCC/Programme Office), Karl Mitchell (DCC), Michael O’Riordan (Programme Office).
Apologies: Feargal O’Rourke (PwC), Mary Walshe (HSE)

The Board received a presentation from Michael Darragh Macauley, the recently appointed community sports engagement manager in which he outlined work undertaken to date and plans for the future.

The Chair thanked him for the presentation and wished him well in his work.

The Chair thanked both Mary Cregg and Trina O’Connor for their input and commitment to the Board and wished both of them success in their new roles. Replacements for Ms Cregg and Ms O’Connor have not yet been nominated.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Matters arising

- Community rep requested that reference to effects of gambling and gaming be included in the Pilot Health and Wellbeing programme being developed by the NICDATF
- Access to Larkin Community College sports hall has been agreed for Saturday mornings.
- EU Commission have not responded to correspondence – Chair is due to meet European Commissioner Phil Hogan and he will discuss matters with him.
- Dormant Accounts funding has closed for 2018.

Proposed: Brendan Kenny

Seconded: Fergus McCabe

1. Sub- Group reports

Group 3 – Family, Children and Youth Services

- The closing date for applications for the Executive Leadership Programme was Friday 26th October. There has been a positive response and the number of applications received exceed the number of places available. An assessment process of the applications will take place in the coming weeks. This is an action learning programme aimed at delivery of social services. The initial block of training is scheduled for 19th and 20th November in the University of Limerick.
- Proposals for funding were discussed by the group and three were forwarded to the Budget Group for consideration.
- A number of other proposals have been submitted to the chair and will be discussed in terms of funding in 2019.
- A report is due from Centre for Effective Services (CES) on the Integrated Delivery Framework for youth and children services.
- 12 Tusla Family Support Workers re locating from Ballybough Community Centre to premises on Amiens St by end 2018.
- The subgroup Chair advised that he has not had a response from DCC or HSE in relation to accommodation space for TUSLA in Rutland St School redevelopment and Summerhill Primary Health Centre.

Group 4 – Physical Infrastructure

- Public Realm plan – DCC’s internal group in place – a draft document was presented to sub group members for comment. The next step is appointment of a Design Team by end of Q1 2019.
- Rutland St School – Preliminary design completed. Detailed design to start the statutory process under Part 8 Planning on target to commence by end 2018. Consultation with vested parties ongoing.
- City Architects resource recently allocated to NEIC - are looking at other potential projects in the area:
 - Sheriff YC upgrade
 - North Wall CTC upgrade
 - ASESP Crinan Strand
 - Amiens Street
- Ballybough U10 – plan to locate Portakabins on Courtney Place has met with some objections. Pigeon Club site to be re-examined.
- Social Housing Developments:
 - Cluid:
 - St Mary’s Mansions scheduled for completion mid-autumn 2019.
 - North Great Charles St – Planning process to commence December 2018.
 - Killarney Court – upgrade in association with SEAI – 2020.

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- Croke Villas/Ballybough Rd and Poplar row – ongoing.
- Proposed regeneration/upgrade work to a number of senior citizens complexes, Dunne St/North Clarence St and Matt Talbot Court are under consideration with Dept. of housing, Planning and Local Government.
- DCC have established a mini litter taskforce for NEIC – 20 properties have been identified for joint follow up – Fire services, Environmental Inspectors and Revenue. The Chair promised additional resources to support this initiative if required.
- 10 additional “Big Belly - compactor bins” have been ordered for installation. No statistics available, as yet, on the effectiveness of those installed to date.
- The Chair expressed his disappointment at the timeframe provided for physical work to commence on phase 2 of Royal canal cycleway. Indications are that work will not commence till end Q1 2019. Compound set up etc. to commence Jan 2019.
- The Chair requested an update on projected start date for Phase 3 of cycleway – DCC to revert on this.
- **The Big Scream NEIC Halloween Community Festival** will take place from 22nd – 31st October. Significant financial resources, time and effort have been invested in programming and producing the Festival. All members were asked to promote widely and support the festival events. The launch of the Festival will take place with the unveiling of artwork and plaque at 19 Buckingham St. was held on 22nd October at 12:30 p.m.

Group 2 – Employment, Training and Education

- Following Mary Cregg’s reassignment in DES and departure from the group, contact will be made with DES re a replacement.
- New Communities research and report is complete – a seminar to discuss the findings will be held in Convention Centre Dublin on Wednesday 7th November 9am to 1.30pm.
- Map of Services – sub group members were asked to check the map for accuracy and advise of any changes /updates required.
- A discussion on Social Enterprise is planned for the next sub-group meeting.
- Subgroup chair attended the Drugs Related Intimidation action planning meeting.
- To maintain a focus on the Implementation of the Actions which are assigned to the Sub Group, it was agreed that the group would devote a meeting in the near future to formulation of a detailed strategy and implementation plan for each action.
- Business in the Community (BITC) Summer Work Placement (SWP) Programme: Presentation to the IFIA was well received. The IFIA plan to consider the SWP programme at additional meetings in late October. It is envisaged that paid placement will be sourced for approximately 20 Leaving Certificate students.
- Transition Year Work Placement: Discussions are ongoing in relation to finding work placement for all Transition Year students. Follow up meeting arranged for 19th November 2018 with schools in PWC offices.

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- P-Tech initiative has progressed significantly and a Memorandum of Understanding is currently being examined by relevant parties. A launch by the Taoiseach of this initiative is planned for Friday 16th November.
- It was mentioned that it is important that the NEIC Initiative ensures there is consistent messaging as some people in the area are calling it an initiative, others a taskforce. It was also suggested that because of this residents may not be aware of the work being carried out, or who they can contact to access supports, information etc. The NEIC Programme Office advised it had not been made aware of this issue before, it will take the feedback on board, discuss further and continue to provide information via www.neic.ie
- The PIB Chair enquired if there is a schedule of meetings in place for Principal's network? Programme Office to follow up. He requested that MD Macauley be invited to attend the next meeting. Conor Rowley is also due to attend the next Principals meeting.
- 20 additional places have been confirmed from DRCD under the Pilot Social Employment Fund programme. 50 applications for places have been received from local groups. The applications have been evaluated and the outcome will be notified to all groups by end of October. Recruitment for the new positions will start immediately.

Group 5 - Addiction:

- The sub-group chair met with the HSE Chief Health Officer for the area to discuss HSE provided drug treatment services in the NEIC – among the items discussed were - physical infrastructure s in the area, stepdown facility, health links team
- The HSE submitted proposals for governance and case management of drug treatment services as part of the Budget process
- The sub-group received a presentation on the work on the Ana Liffey assertive case management team.
- The sub-group chair met with the researcher on the needs assessment on substance use issues which is being led by the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce.
- The pilot Drug + Alcohol Wellbeing Programme being led by the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce needs to be consistent with DES and HSE guidelines. All parties have been contacted in relation to this.
- Catherine Byrne, Minister of State for Health Promotion including the national drugs strategy visited NEIC on 22nd October.

Group 1 – Crime and Drugs

- Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station – Estimated completion date Q1 2020.
- Taking into consideration the number of new probationer Gardaí, transfers in and out of the division, promotions etc. there is an increase of 43 Gardaí and 14 Garda Sergeants in the DMR North Central Division form January 2018 to date.
- 20 new pedal bicycles have been received in the division and are in use.

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- The proposed extension to the Garda CCTV cameras have been approved. Awaiting official written notification before installation can proceed. A meeting with the installer has been scheduled to progress matters.
- Drugs Unit – is now at full strength - following a recent competition. Stats are up by 25% in terms of action in relation to sale and supply of drugs. There has been a number of seizures of drugs in the area recently.
- Community Support Van is being deployed in various locations in the area, the response from the community is positive. Due for deployment in Sheriff St area in next few weeks.
- A programme for Transition Year students from the area was held in October.
- Follow up meeting on Drugs Related Intimidation was held on 16th October.
- Community policing plan is in development.
- Garda Youth Awards ceremony will be held in Croke Park on Saturday 17th November. Invites will issue to all PIB members.
- 1st Quarterly meeting of CPF/Gardaí/ Community will be held in Store Street on 27th November at 7pm.
- A proposal “Sport for Thought” a programme involving Queen’s Park Rangers that uses football to engage adolescents experiencing deprivation was discussed. The Chief Superintendent has previous experience of the programme being successful in the Dundalk area.

2. Community Update:

- General meeting of Coalition chairpersons and Convenors to be organised – among items for discussion will be convent lands. A separate meeting will be organised with local politicians on the same topic. The Chair requested feedback from the meeting to the PIB.
- Community rep enquired re feedback from correspondence to EU Commission - the Chair advised that he is due to meet EU Commissioner Hogan and he will invite the community rep to attend.
- **29th November** – Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Home monument on Buckingham Street.
- **14th December** – YPAR are launching its report on “Hard to Engage Young people”.
- An event with international young people is being organised from **23rd to 25th January 2019** – all schools in the area have agreed to send 5 or 6 students each to attend.

3. HSE Update

- Summerhill Primary Care Centre – due for handover late November 2018.
- Following fit out and commissioning estimate operational date is Q1 2019.
- The chair reiterated the need for clarity on services etc. that will be provided in the new centre, he asked for the following to be provided for the next meeting:
 - Breakdown of staff going into the building
 - Breakdown of services that will be provided in the building
 - Clarity on PHN’s
 - What is the plan for buildings that staff are moving from

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- Clarity on rooms for hire and “bookable” space
- Can TUSLA’s, duty social work team be accommodated in the building?
- The HSE rep at the meeting agreed to revert with answers to these queries.

4. Budget

Following its meeting in October the budget group made the following recommendations to the Board:

- Reallocate €10,000 underspend from childcare Training Fund to support the conference on New Communities research to cover printing of Report; facilitation of conference; preparation of conference report and conference ancillaries - **this was agreed by the PIB**

New Proposals	
Crosscare U10’s proposal for Ballybough.	100,000
SWAN Youth service – Research examining evidenced base for the practice of reduced timetables in NEIC post primary schools and the impact of this.	30,000
YPAR – provision of childcare places (0-24 months) to supplement €40k co-funding provided by DCYA. This will be fully funded by DCYA in 2019.	15,000
Total	145,000

The new proposals outlined in the a table above were approved by the PIB

- **This brings the Total approved spend by the NEIC PIB for 2018 to - €2,499,278.00**

NEIC Community Grants:

- 63 Applications were received seeking a total amount of €179,992.29. A total of €66,127.00 was available for distribution.
- The grants on offer were in the range of €300 to €3,000.
- The evaluation process took place on 10th October 2018.
- 42 groups were nominated for funding
- 21 groups were not selected for funding.
- The evaluation panel sought the approval of the Board regarding their proposals for the allocation of funding to the 41 selected groups.

The Board approved the recommendations of the evaluation panel as presented.

2019 Budget:

The Chair advised the Board that €5.5million was allocated to support the work of the NEIC PIB for 2019.

The budget group recommended that €155,000 be allocated to continue with the Ana Liffey Active Case management Team project for 2019 – **This was agreed by the PIB.**

5. DEASP Update

A dedicated case officer has been assigned to work with 18-24yr old customers from the NEIC, this is in addition to other Mulvey commitments.

Of the 132 clients called to interview at the Larkin Centre, 60 have turned up to date.

Of the remainder who have not engaged – these are being looked at separately in the Intreo Centre

Outcomes meetings have been recorded for 28 of the 60 clients:

- 13 x have found work and this is positive
- 4 x BTE
- 4 x CE referred (3 x awaiting vetting for CE placements and 1 x placed on a CE scheme)
- 1 x on short term course
- 1 x leap programme
- 3 x on Jobpath
- 2 x applied for service officer role

The case officer continues to work with these and the remainder of the 60 and we will be moving to refresh the group and if necessary to make new referrals to the Larkin to continue the process.

Of the other cohort i.e. 25-49yr olds – these are being handled by St Andrews LES

- To date 64 have attended group information sessions
- 26 persons DNA, but of these 26, 11 have found work. The remaining cases are being handled by the Intreo Centre.

6. AOB

- The Chair suggested not having a PIB meeting in November and holding the next meeting in mid –December. He also suggested that he would meet with the sub group chairs prior to the next PIB to discuss budget proposal for 2019 – this was agreed.
- The Chair thanked ICTU for hosting the meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday 19th December 2018

Venue: Sophia Housing Complex, Sean McDermott St, D1

(Entrance on Sean McDermott St.)

Summary of agreed actions for next meeting:

What	Who
Date for commencement of Phase 3 of Royal Canal Cycleway	DCC
DES to nominate a replacement to Board	DOT
Follow up re St Laurence's Place East	DCC/Prog Office
Meeting with EU Commissioner and Community Rep	Chair /Prog Office
Meeting with Minister for Finance and IFSC CEO's	Prog Office.