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**To the Chairperson and Members of
the Central Area Committee**

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

Following the comprehensive report presented to the January meeting of the Committee the update is as follows:

A provision has been made by the Department of Rural & Community Development (RAPID Programme) for a funding allocation of €2.5 M for the North East Inner City Initiative in 2018. This brings the total funds allocated since establishment in 2016 to €9.8M.

A budget Sub-Group has been established, chaired by Department of the Taoiseach, to review proposals from the four working groups for 2018 funding and make recommendations to the Programme Implementation Board. The following proposals, aligned to delivery of actions set out in the Mulvey report, were approved at the Board meeting held on 31st January 2018. Total approved €1.35M.

- **Ana Liffey Drug Project - Assertive Case Management (NEIC Specific) - €100,000**

This 1-year project aimed at tackling on-street drug dealing blackspots was approved in 2017 and is up and running since Sept. 2017 at a total cost of €155,000. The initial phase was funded (€55,000) from the 2017 allocation and this 2018 funding will see the project through to completion circa. Sept. 2018.

- **North Inner City Folklore Project - €30,000**

The Folklore Project is now set-up and operating from Unit 1, The Forge. The 2018 funding will be used to cover costs associated with the Unit i.e. rental and utilities. The balance will be used to fund development work with the project with an initial focus on professional cataloguing of existing material to be followed by report and recommendations on future direction. Other sources of funding are also being explored.

- **Programme of annual community events – €200,000**

Following a successful year of events in 2017, e.g. The Big Scream Halloween festival (5 events), The Last Picnic and local summer and Christmas events, a similar initial allocation has been approved for 2018. The Halloween Festival will remain as a flagship event and proposals for other events will be brought to the Board for approval in due course. In the meantime the Programme Office is funding a free family event to celebrate the Chinese New Year at Hill Street Family Resource Centre on Saturday 17th February 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. All welcome.

- **NEIC Community Grants 2018 - €100,000**

The 2017 Community Grants Scheme was run successfully with 37 local projects awarded a total of €123,000. The Scheme will be run again this year with similar criteria. Details are being finalised and it is anticipated that it will open for applications before end Q1.

- **Lourdes Daycare Centre - €300,000**

Following grant of planning permission in December 2017 funding for the delivery of the project to include internal alterations and extension at Lourdes Daycare Centre has been approved. It is anticipated that work will commence on site before end Q1.

- **FAI Late Night Leagues €100,000**

Discussions are at an advanced stage with FAI, Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána to deliver a 'Football Diversionary Programme' in the north east inner city specifically targeting young 'at risk' boys and girls to offer an alternative to crime via the power of football. Pending finalisation of operational arrangements and recruitment processes it is estimated that the Programme will commence in Q2.

- **Charleville Mall Public Library Programmes – €110,000**

The Reader in Residence (€75,000) and Coderdojo Digital Skills (€35,000) programmes run by Dublin City Public Libraries at Charleville Mall in 2017 were deemed to be successful and will be repeated in a similar format in 2018. It is a condition of this funding that the programmes be considered for mainstream funding in future years via Dublin City Council budgetary process.

- **Contribution to Iarnród Éireann - €19,830.50 + VAT**

Further to work carried out on 6 bridges in 2017 Iarnród Éireann have costed cleanup of a further 9 no. bridges (Package No. 2) and requested co-funding of €19,830.50 +VAT from NEIC resources. This request has been approved.

- **Programme Office activity costs - €75,000**

This allocation will fund the day to day activity costs of the Programme Office during 2018 to include costs associated with communications, branding, community engagement events etc. Salary costs for staff members assigned to the Programme Office have remained with their respective organisations / Government Departments.

Tall Ships Regatta 2018 – Business Sector €50,000

The NEIC Business Sector, represented on the Programme Implementation Board by Feargal O'Rourke, PWC; has committed funding of €50,000 to fund costs of 50 trainees (over 18 yrs.) from NEIC communities to take part in the voyages of the Tall Ships Regatta 2018 in association with Sail Training Ireland. The event is scheduled to take place in June 2018. A recruitment process will be undertaken in consultation with Community Groups and Youth Services in the local area. Information in relation to the Tall Ships Regatta can be found at <http://www.sailtrainingireland.com/>

If any further information is required in relation to the above projects please contact the Programme Office directly.

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