

North East Inner City Initiative – Programme Implementation Board

51-53 Sean McDermott Street Lower

9.30am, 28 June, 2017

Meeting Note

Attendance

Chair – Michael Stone, Community - Fergus McCabe, D/Education & Skills – Caitriona O'Brien, D/Children & Youth Affairs – Conor Rowley, D/Social Protection – David Dillon, D/Taoiseach – Denis Breen, DCC – Brendan Kenny, An Garda Síochana – Gerry Murphy, Programme Office - Karl Mitchell, Ursula Donnellan.

1. Introduction

Following introductions, the Chair underlined the importance of the group being action focused which would report regularly to the Ministerial Taskforce. The Community representative indicated that they were still hopeful of securing additional community representation to the group .

2. About the Group

The Chair set out a number of points regarding the group

- its purpose is to implement the Mulvey Report which sets out membership and role
- it will meet monthly for no more than 2.5 hours starting at 8am
- a schedule of meetings will be circulated
- reports should be no more than two pages and issue five days in advance
- all members should come fully prepared to meetings
- meetings will take place in the area with some variety in the locations
- actions will be agreed with any blockages to progress identified and discussed
- there will be time set aside at each meeting for presentations on specific themes
- a representative of the business community will be appointed shortly
- a note of each meeting will be prepared, circulated and published
- working groups will be established under each of the four priority areas to be chaired by PIB members to incorporate key people and make recommendations.

It was agreed that standardised terms of reference would be developed for the working groups to guide membership, size, reporting and working parameters which should not duplicate the work of any existing structures in the area.

3. Priority Areas for Action

A number of issues were discussed and follow up actions agreed in relation to the four priority areas as follows:

Crime and Drugs

- some clarity required on the status of the 30 additional Garda to be assigned to the area
- a presentation will be made to the group at the next meeting on the small areas approach to community policing
- the assignment of responsibility to named persons for specific small areas might be useful to replicate across all local agencies to enhance cooperation
- DCC and the Gardaí will scope out the CCTV requirements for the area to include Rutland Street to target priority areas quickly
- a joined up approach between DCC and the Gardaí is required to address the issue of vandalism and anti-social behaviour and drug dealing on the streets
- DCC will provide a list of streets where public lighting has been enhanced

Employment/Training

- the recent Education Training Board Report sets out in some detail the profile of the area in terms of service users and the range of training services available
- it also makes a number of recommendations to target the training needs of the area and ensure a more joined up, coherent and relevant service provision
- CTEC training provision is encountering some challenges e.g. mental health issues
- English language training provision is an urgent need across a significant non-Irish cohort
- it is important to leverage employment opportunities with upcoming public development contracts and to work with existing large companies
- in schools it is recognised that there are underlying issues for small cohort that are difficult to break which require additional supports at various stages
- safety concerns have had a negative impact on school enrolments in the area

Family Children and Youth Services

- it makes sense for work with families to be coordinated among the agencies involved
- people do use services from outside of the area also

- there is a need for more activities for young people during holiday time and at nights and at weekends
- the current model of youth services needs to be looked at to target services more effectively including hours of service and access to facilities
- there is role for other service providers such as sports and arts to contribute here
- D/CYA will examine and revert with some ideas for ensuring adequate youth activities over July and August as a matter of urgency

Physical Refurbishment

- the group was updated on a number of social housing improvement projects in train - vacating properties for refurbishment continues to be a major factor on timelines
- improvement works are continuing in the area including lighting, tree planting, road resurfacing
- DCC is tackling derelict sites and targeting illegal dumping
- DCC is exploring a new approach to keep the area clean - employing litter pickers through a local project employment scheme
- targeting drug dealing and street cleanup on Rutland street was identified as a priority
- plans are underway to overhaul the four corners at Clonliffe House
- the chair will make contact with CIE in relation to Ballybough Bridge and will seek meeting with owners of Aldborough House

4. Agreed Actions for next meeting

	What	Who
1.	Circulate schedule of meetings	Secretariat
2.	Establish four working groups	Group members
3.	Draft standardised Terms of Reference for groups	Secretariat
4.	Clarify status of 30 additional Gardaí	Secretariat
5.	Presentation on small areas policing	Gardaí
6.	Scope out CCTV requirements	DCC and Gardaí
7.	List of street light improvements	DCC

8.	Revert with ideas for summer youth provision	D/CYA
9.	Scope out proposed local cleanup project	DCC
10.	Target measures for Rutland Street	DCC and Gardaí
11.	Update on plans for Clonliffe House corner	DCC
12.	Follow up on Ballybough Bridge and Aldborough House	Chair