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To the Chairperson and Members of  
the Central Area Committee

## NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

The implementation phase of the Mulvey Report [Dublin North East Inner City - Creating a Brighter Future](#) is progressing under the guidance of Michael Stone, Chairman of the Programme Implementation Board and the four Sub-Groups which have all now been firmly established and are meeting on a monthly basis.

- **Policing and Crime Prevention / Tackling Crime and Drugs** – *(Chaired by Chief Superintendent Sean Ward, An Garda Síochána)*
- **Maximising Educational / Training Opportunities / Creating Employment Opportunities** – *(Chaired by Caitriona O'Brien, Principal Officer, Department of Education & Skills)*
- **Creating an Integrated Systems of Social Services** – *(Chaired by Conor Rowley, Principal Officer, Department of Children & Youth Affairs)*
- **Physical Infrastructure – “Refurbishment Plan”** – *(Chaired by Brendan Kenny, Deputy Chief Executive, Dublin City Council00)*

### NEIC Community Engagement Event

An open public Community Engagement event will be held on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at Larkin Community College from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.** This informal event will be well publicised and members of the public including residents, public representatives, community workers, the business sector and any other interested parties are welcome to attend to meet members of the Programme Implementation Board, Sub-Groups and staff of the Programme Office. It is an opportunity to give feedback, share ideas, suggestions and opinions on implementation of the Mulvey report or other matters relevant the NEIC area.

While the work of the Programme Implementation Board will continue into the longer term work has commenced on delivery of a range of priority shorter term projects approved for funding under the 2017 NEIC allocation from the Department of Rural and Community Development. A total of €2.5 M was approved and this funding was transferred to the Programme Office (DCC) in early September 2017.

### 2017 Funded Projects Progress Reports

A full list of the approved projects is attached at Appendix 1. The following are the main projects currently being actively progressed directly by the Programme Office.

**Target Street dealing blackspots incl. Rutland St. – Assertive Case Management 1 yr Pilot Project €55,000 (2018 cost €100,000)**

Ana Liffey Drug Project in partnership with Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána – 1 year outreach programme based on Assertive Case Management model commenced on 04/09/2017 with focus on Rutland St., Railway St. and Sheriff St. A Management Committee has been set up to monitor and oversee the project.

### **3.10 Local Archive Folklore Project €25,000**

North Inner City Folklore Project is in the process of being formally set up as a Company Limited by Guarantee. A 3 year Tenancy Agreement for use of Unit 1A The Forge, Railway St. by the Folklore Project was signed on 22/08/2017.

### **4.3 Engaging local resident / projects to actively maintain environment €80,000**

The Green Ribbon Project is an environmental project partnership with Sunflower Recycling who will lead, via C.E. placements working directly with local residents, on small scale local environmental awareness and maintenance projects. The objective of this initiative is to work towards increased civic pride, prevention of litter, dog-fouling and illegal dumping.

### **Greening Strategy for NEIC – Phase 1 €200,000**

Dublin City Council Parks & Landscaping Services Department has commenced work on a Greening Strategy for NEIC area with three elements to be delivered in Phase 1. a) Drafting Strategy Document – tender process has commenced; b) Refurbishment of Diamond Park – tender process for design team has commenced; c) Dorset St. Median – at design stage.

### **Street Art – open call for proposals targeting blackspots €80,000**

A number of street art projects have been delivered at Croke Villas, Clonliffe Rd., Ballybough road with other planned for Poplar Row, St. Mary's mansions and Railway St. Successful Community Art Project *Dublin Canvas* have been engaged to prepare a brief for an open call for artists for further NEIC sites to be identified on an ongoing basis.

### **3.12 Programme of local community and family events**

A number of existing local events were supported during the summer. A new family friendly community event "The Last Picnic" took place in Mountjoy St. Park on Sunday 01/10/2017. The format of this pilot event proved very popular with locals and will be considered for development as a potential flagship annual event for the NEIC community.

Planning is at an advanced stage for the second NEIC Halloween Community Festival – "The Big Scream" to take place on 3rd Oct. The festival will incorporate the Ballybough, SeanMacDermott St. Sheriff St. and Summerhill areas – full details of the Festival Programme will be circulated to the Committee when finalised.

### **Urgent Physical Improvement Works – Refurbishment Plan €692,170**

Further Road Resurfacing works are planned to include Gardiner St. Upper / Mountjoy Sq. West (Est. €380K); Gardiner Row (Est. €80K) and Fitzgibbon St. (Est. €180K). A tender process has been completed for upgrade of play area at Rainbow Park, Sheriff St.

A planning application will be lodged shortly for internal alterations and extension to Lourdes Daycare Centre. 2018 funding will be sought to deliver this project.

### **Target Derelict Sites €100,000**

Work is underway in consultation with DCC Planning & Property Development Department, within the scope of statutory powers available under the [Derelict Sites Act 1990](#) with focus on selected sites e.g. site at junction NCR/Russell St., Foley St., 21 Rutland St. Lwr., 8 Terrace Place, 51/52 North Clarence St., 22B-25 Ballybough Rd. This work is being supplemented by pro-active engagement with owners of unsightly / vacant areas that may not be considered to be derelict within the definition in the Act e.g. JCDeceaux, ESB, CIE.

## **Shopfront Improvement Scheme – cofounded with owners €60,000**

The scheme has been developed on the successful model previously implemented in the South Central Area. It is currently being rolled out and promoted by direct interaction with shop owners on Dorset St. and Talbot St.

## ***NEIC Community Grants Scheme 2017 -***

An NEIC Community Grants Scheme is currently open for applications with a Closing Date of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017. The Scheme is aimed at established groups and organisations working in a community based capacity in the North East Inner City. Priority will be given to applications that clearly demonstrate a link to achievement of actions and recommendations contained in the Mulvey Report “Dublin North East Inner City – Creating a brighter future.” particularly in promotion of themes of local participation, integration and education. Grants may be awarded for a broad range of proposals e.g. for one-off community projects, environmental improvements, community social events and festivals, provision of equipment, minor improvement works etc. Full details of the Grants Scheme and application forms are available from the Programme Office.

## ***NEIC Newsletter No. 2***

A second NEIC newsletter is being prepared will be circulated to all residents, businesses, and organisations in the NEIC area in advance of the Community Engagement event to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

If further information is required on any aspect of the North East Inner City Initiative, the work of the Programme Implementation Board and Sub-Groups, or the 2017 approved projects the Programme Office can be contacted at [neic@dublincity.ie](mailto:neic@dublincity.ie) or Tel. 222 5312. The Chairman, Michael Stone can be contacted directly at [m.stone@dublincity.ie](mailto:m.stone@dublincity.ie) .

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## Appendix 1 - North East Inner City - Proposals for Expenditure during 2017

### 1. Tackling Crime and Drugs

Report Action	Description	Dept/Agency	Cost 2017
1.7	CCTV installation at key locations	DCC & Garda	€300,000
1.8	Events to build cross-community cohesion	DCC	See 3.12
1.9	Public awareness campaign on Drug Related Intimidation Reporting Programme (subject to further discussion at local level)		€20,000
1.10	Integration of targeted approaches for youth-at-risk	DCYA/CYPSC	€29,000
1.11	Youth Leadership Programme & representation panel	DCYA/CYPSC	€24,000
	Target street dealing blackspots incl. Rutland Street - Assertive Case Management 1 year Pilot Project	DCC/Ana Liffey	€55,000 (2018 cost €100,000)
	<b>Total</b>		<b>€428,000</b>

### 2. Employment and Training

Report Action	Description	Dept/Agency	Cost 2017
2.7	Dedicated Employment Case Officer to work with individuals and employers	DSP/DCC	Cost met by DSP
2.8	English language training for new communities in the context of employment readiness		€40,000
2.10	Enhanced Career Guidance Service in out of school settings	DEducation/ETB	€20,130 (1 post FY cost €60,390)*
	Implement a Construction Skills Course in the area	DCC/LES	€20,000*
	<b>Total</b>		<b>€80,130</b>

### 3. Family, Children and Youth Services

Report Action	Description	Dept/Agency	Cost 2017
3.1	Tusla Child and Family Hub	DCYA/Tusla	2018 cost*
3.2	Supporting local childcare providers to take up available supports	DCYA/DEducation	Cost met by Depts
3.3	Transition supports for children moving from early years to primary (subject to further discussion in context of existing DEIS supports)	DCYA/DEducation	Cost met through DEIS
3.5	Pilot local schools initiative - promoting innovative approaches	DEducation/Schools	€50,000
3.7 & 3.8	Youth services mapping and leadership programme	DCYA/CYPSC	See 1.11
3.9	Development of local sports, recreation, wellbeing programmes	DCC/local groups	€100,000
3.10	Local folklore archive project	DCC	€25,000*
3.12	Programme of local community and family events	DCC	€200,000
3.13	Supporting the community through restorative practice	DCYA/NCI	€41,300

3.14/3.15	Community grants scheme across stated themes including new communities, environmental awareness, age-friendly etc.	DCC	€100,000
3.16	"What works here" hub focused on services and outcomes	DCYA/CYPSC/LCDC	€18,000
Summer	Summer project programme grants targeting children u10 years	DCYA/CYPSC	€10,000
Summer	Block-booking (or negotiated waiver) facilities such as Astro pitches; East Wall Water Sports; Sean McDermott Street Pool etc.	DCYA/CYPSC	€5,600
	Bank of counselling/psychotherapy hours (200) for u18 access	DCYA/CYPSC	€12,000
	Block training grant for youth services to secure coordinated and standardised area-based training for staff (e.g. mental health, drugs etc.)	DCYA/CYPSC	€20,000
	Training bursary for young people to support thematic/issue specific training for young people (e.g. safe pass, sound engineering etc.)	DCYA/CYPSC	€8,000
	Funding provision for the identification and roll-out of parenting and family support programmes, such as Triple P, Strengthening Families etc.	DCYA/CYPSC	€36,800
	Enhance youth outreach to hard to reach youth incl. out of hours coverage targeting specific groups	DCYA/CYPSC	€78,000*
	<b>Total</b>		<b>€704,700</b>

#### 4. Improving the Physical Landscape

Report Action	Description	Dept/Agency	Cost 2017
4.3	Engaging local resident/projects to actively maintain environment	DCC	€80,000
4.4/4.5	Urgent Physical Improvement Works - Refurbishment Plan	DCC	€692,170
4.7	Target Derelict Sites	DCC	€100,000
	Greening Strategy for NEIC - Phase 1	DCC	€200,000
	Refurbishment works for NEIC Programme Office <b>Note: Project on Hold some funding subsequently approved by Physical Infrastructure Sub-Group for re-allocation to Rainbow Pk. Play area €40,000; Lock Keepers Cottage Newcomen Bridge €5000 with balance to fund Programme Office activity 2017.</b>	DCC	€75,000
	Street Art Projects - open call for proposals targeting blackspots	DCC	€80,000
	Shopfront Improvement Scheme - cofunded with owners	DCC	€60,000
	<b>Total</b>		<b>€1,287,170</b>

<b>Total of Measures for Priority Actions</b>	<b>€2,500,000</b>
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\*ongoing current cost