

07/11/2017

To the Chairperson and Members of
the Central Area Committee

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

RAPID Funding Announcement - Clarification

On Thursday 2nd November 2017 The Minister for Rural and Community Development Michael Ring TD and the Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform and TD for Dublin Central, Paschal Donohoe launched the national €5 million RAPID Programme (Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development) which is focused on tackling social exclusion in disadvantaged urban areas and provincial towns. €2.5 million of the 2017 allocation for RAPID is ring fenced for Dublin's North East Inner City Initiative. This launch was the formal announcement of the same €2.5M funding that was notified to the Programme Office earlier this year and which has already been approved for a range of NEIC projects as previously reported to the Committee and is attached for information at Appendix 1.

To date there has been no notification of 2018 funding for the NEIC Initiative.

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.

Urgent Physical Improvement Works – Refurbishment Plan €692,170

The following NEIC Roads / Junctions are scheduled for resurfacing in the coming weeks (weather permitting). NEIC funds have been allocated to Gardiner St. Upper / Mountjoy Sq. West (Est. €380K); Gardiner Place (Est. €80K) and Fitzgibbon St. (Est. €180K). The balance will be funded from Dublin City Council resources.

05/11/2017 – 08/11/2017

Mountjoy Square West/Grenville St.; Mountjoy Square West/South; Mountjoy Square West/Gardiner Place

12/11/2017 – 15/11/2017

Mountjoy Square North/Gardiner Street Upper; Gardiner Place/Gardiner Street Upper; Denmark St/Hill St/Temple St Junction; Temple St/Gardiner Place

19/11/2017 – 27/11/2017

Hill St/Gardiner Place; Gardiner St Upper/Dorset St Lower

20/11/2017 – 24/11/2017

Fitzgibbon Street

Engaging local resident / projects to actively maintain environment €80,000 (Mulvey Action 4.3) – The Green Ribbon

The Green Ribbon Project is being developed as an environmental project partnership with Sunflower Recycling who will lead with C.E. placements working directly with local residents, on small scale local environmental awareness, greening and maintenance projects. To date three elements have progressed

- 1) On-street planters (34 no.) – upgrade and maintenance in association with PACE (the voluntary organisation providing services for offenders and former offenders)
- 2) Community Engagement has commenced with residents in the Sheriff St. / Spencer Dock area relating to greening and small scale landscaping in communal residential areas. Reaction and co-operation has been very positive to date and plans are underway for expansion to other locations.
- 3) Green Team – Two vehicles have been sourced, branding has been agreed and an order placed for ‘wrapping’ of vehicles. Green team uniforms have also been agreed. Pending resolution of additional C.E. placements, Sunflower Recycling intend to temporarily re-assign an existing driver to get a Green Ribbon vehicle up and running.

The objective of this initiative is to work towards increased civic pride, prevention of litter, dog-fouling and illegal dumping. Proposal for 2018 funding being prepared.

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) Strategy Document – tender process underway;
- b) Refurbishment of Diamond Park – tender process for design team underway;
- 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 street artists to be assigned to further NEIC sites to be identified on an ongoing basis.

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.

Landscaping works completed on two JCDeceaux sites at Ballybough/Clonliffe Junction and Summerhill Parade. Quotations sought for further sites e.g. Ballybough Junction, Marino College and Summerhill Court.

Shopfront Improvement Scheme – co-funded with shop owners €60,000

The scheme has been developed based 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. Lwr. It has generated a lot of positive interest among shop owners and closing date for applications is 15th November 2017.

Internal alterations and extension to Lourdes Daycare Centre

A planning application (Reg. Ref. 4028/17) was lodged with Dublin City Council on 10th October 2017. Permission is sought for “*single-storey extension (165.30 sq. metres) to rear and side (incorporating new sitting room, wet room, locker room and general store) alterations to site (north elevation & front elevation, internal alterations and ancillary site works.*” Last date for submission of observations is 15th November 2017. Subject to planning permission, 2018 funding will be required to deliver this project.

Sheriff St. (Rainbow Park) play area upgrade (€46,000)

A tender process has been completed by Dublin City Council Parks & Landscape Services Dept. for upgrade of play area at Rainbow Park, Sheriff St. Contract has been awarded and works incorporating a new play space design are due to commence on site mid-November.

Local Archive Folklore Project €20,000 (Mulvey Action 3.10)

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. Terry Fagan, Historian has moved archival material into the Unit. The Folklore group will require ongoing guidance and assistance, including some professional input, to get up and running.

Sheriff St. Spencer Lifting Bridge (NEIC funds €240,000 - 50/50 DHPC&LG and DCC)

Following completion of tender processes the total estimated cost of this project (incl. 20% contingency and VAT) is **€597,743.94**. Dublin City Council will provide the additional funding required to deliver this project. Works were due to commence this month, however, a decision has now been taken to defer until early 2018 as stated in the following update received from DCC Roads Design & Construction Division.

“The Road Works Control Unit and An Garda Siochana are opposed to having a lane closed on Sherriff Street Upper during December (Operation Open City). The lane closure is required to facilitate the scaffolding and encapsulation. The Contractor, for the scheme, has advised that it will not be possible to complete the works prior to December and that removal of the scaffolding arrangement for December and reinstalling it in the new year will increase the cost of the project by approximately €150,000. A number of alternative possibilities, with a view to completing works in 2017, were also reviewed but all possibilities would result in significant cost increases. We intend commencing the project in early 2018.”

Sean Mac Dermott St. Swimming Pool

[Legacy Consultants](#) a professional communications and sponsorship agency have been engaged to conduct market research of local businesses / office developments and the local community. The project, which is due for completion end November, involves three elements

1. Research – qualitative and quantitative research of the local business and community sectors needs and attitudes.

2. Analysis – drafting of findings and analysis to produce a set of recommendations. with the objective of maximising use of the pool during existing staffed hours and informing consideration of extended opening hours in the future.
3. Communications Plan – advising on a series of marketing and communications activities.

NEIC Community Grants 2017 – (€100,000)

Following announcement of the NEIC Community Grants Scheme in September a total of 64 applications were received by the closing date seeking a total amount of €276,895. An evaluation process will be conducted by the Programme Office in the coming weeks with a view to presenting recommendations to the next meeting of the Programme Implementation Board to be held on 29th November 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 or Tel. 222 5312. The Chairman, Michael Stone can be contacted directly at m.stone@dublincity.ie .

Ursula Donnellan
NEIC Programme Office
Tel. 222 5312
udonnellan@dublincity.ie



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)
	Total		€428,000

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*
	Total		€80,130

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*
	Total		€704,700

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 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.	DCC	€75,000
	Street Art Projects - open call for proposals targeting blackspots	DCC	€80,000
	Shopfront Improvement Scheme - cofunded with owners	DCC	€60,000
	Total		€1,287,170

Total of Measures for Priority Actions	€2,500,000
---	-------------------

*ongoing current cost