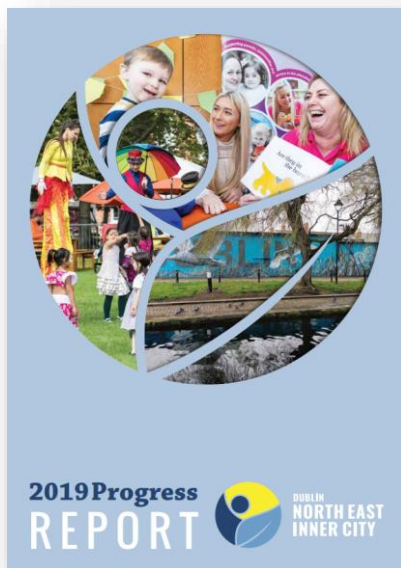


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To the Chairperson and Members of
the Central Area Committee

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

LAUNCH OF 2019 PROGRESS REPORT



Paschal Donohoe T.D., Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure & Reform launched the third annual Progress Report on the NEIC Initiative at Ballybough Community Centre on Wednesday 18th December 2019.

The report contains a summary of work undertaken by the NEIC Board and Sub-Groups to date on the wide range of projects and programmes to deliver on the recommendations contained in the [2017 Mulvey Report](#) *Dublin North East Inner City – Creating a Brighter Future*. The report also contains a summary of the €17.76M spent on the initiative to date and the sets out the ambition for 2020.

The report is available to download at www.neic.ie

LAUNCH OF STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2022

Coinciding with the 2019 Progress Report, the NEIC Strategic Plan 2020-2022 was also launched on 18/12/2020. The Strategic Plan was drawn up following an evaluability assessment of the delivery of the NEIC initiative carried out during 2019 by evaluation and impact assessment specialist firm *Just Economics*.

The ambitious three year Strategic Plan, which was approved by the Board on 29/11/2019 aims to build on the successes of the NEIC Initiative to date and further enhance the momentum and progress of the initiative towards the longer term social and economic regeneration of the NEIC area. The full Strategic Plan document is available to download at www.neic.ie . A one-page overview is attached to this report at **Appendix 1**.



The Strategic Plan recommends an updated NEIC sub-group structure to align more clearly with the three year objectives. Some tasks are being split out from Sub-Group 3 to create a new Sub-Group 6. Each sub-group has a nominated Chair and members comprised of the state, community and business sectors. A summary of the updated Sub-Group structure is attached at **Appendix 2**.

A new Programme Manager will be appointed with a specific role to manage the delivery of 2020-2022 Strategic Plan. This new role is considered necessary to

- Support the alignment and integration of the six sub-groups
- Identify and manage programme dependencies
- Provide oversight of risks and issues; and
- Enable realisation of the benefits from the work

The 2019 Progress Report, under the heading *Ambition for 2020*, summarises the priority actions that have been identified in the Strategic Plan across the six work streams as follows:

- *Under the **Enhanced Policing** work stream (Sub-Group 1), a number of priority actions will be progressed to enhance policing services in the NEIC community and to improve engagement between An Garda Síochána and the local community.*
- *Under the **Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities** work stream (Sub-Group 2), work will continue on supporting and enhancing education, training and employment opportunities for school goers, young adults and the unemployed in the NEIC (including through P-Tech; the Social Employment Fund; work experience; and work placements).*
- *Under the **Family Wellbeing** work stream (Sub-Group 3), a number of priority actions will be progressed to improve family youth wellbeing. It is also intended to leverage the Meitheal approach; support initiatives on youth mental health; and expand the use of community case management for “hard to reach” young people.*
- *Under the **Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment** work stream (Sub-Group 4), efforts will be focused on improving social cohesion and wellbeing in the community and enhance the physical landscape and environment. Sport, Recreation and Wellbeing Programmes will remain and support will continue for community events and arts projects.*
- *Under the **Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health** work stream (Sub-Group 5), continued progress will be made on actions to improve health outcomes for people who use and misuse drugs and alcohol and to promote inclusion health for socially excluded groups experiencing severe substance misuse and mental health issues will also be priority.*
- *And under the **Alignment of Services** work stream (new Sub-Group 6), the aim will be to integrate and align delivery of services across Government Departments and Agencies and community services; adapt and implement the City Connects model; enhance community leadership and ensure the quality and uptake of early years childcare provision in the area.*

2020 FUNDING ALLOCATION

The Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform formally notified the Chair of the Programme Implementation Board of the 2020 funding allocation of €6.5M on 10th December 2019. The letter issued stated as follows:

“As you are aware the Government is very supportive of the NEIC initiative and of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Mulvey Report. This commitment is demonstrated by total funding to the initiative of €17.7m from 2016 to 2019; funding support has grown from €2.6m in 2017 to €6.5m in 2019. The Government is aware of the excellent work being done under the initiative, and is committed to continuing with on-going support. Accordingly, despite the difficulty and uncertainty with the Brexit situation, as a measure of its commitment to the initiative, the Government has decided to maintain the existing level of funding of €6.5m for this initiative in Budget 2020.”

As in previous years, the funding will be transferred via the Department of Rural & Community Development. The process of approving individual projects / programmes will commence in January. As in 2019, the Board is open to consideration of proposals, via the relevant Sub-Groups and Budget Sub-Group, within the broad parameters that have been issued to Sub-Group Chairs. The Central Area Committee will be kept informed as funding allocations are approved.

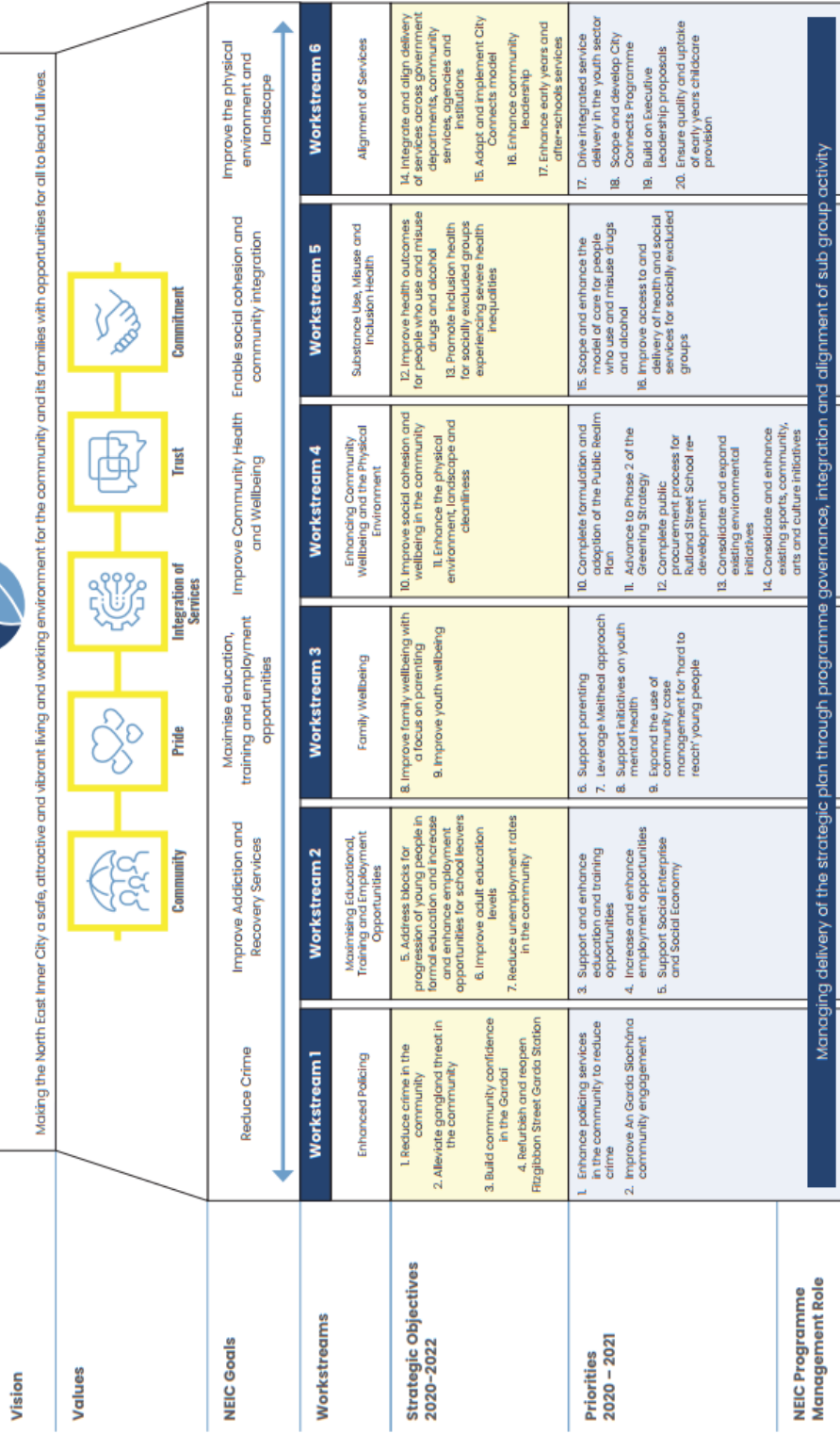
If any further information is required on NEIC funded projects, please contact the Programme Office directly at neic@dublincity.ie

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NEIC Strategic Plan - Overview



APPENDIX 2 – UPDATED NEIC SUB-GROUP STRUCTURES (Strategic Plan 2020-2022 Extract Pg 14-15)

NEIC Governance – Sub Groups Overview

- Four NEIC sub groups were established in 2017 with the aim of progressing the priority actions of the Mulvey Report. A fifth sub group was added in 2018 and it is now proposed to revise the structure of the sub groups to have six sub groups.
- The 2020-2022 strategic plan recommends that the sub group membership is updated to align with their overall three year objectives.
- The tables below provide an overview of each sub group, including the strategic objectives for 2020-2022 and the current membership.

1. Enhancing Policing (formerly 'Tackling Crime and Drugs')	<p>Chair: An Garda Síochána</p> <p>Current Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Garda Síochána • SWAN Youth Service • Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection • Dublin City Council • Health Service Executive • North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce • NEIC Programme Office • NICCC x2 (North Inner City Community Coalition)
2. Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities	<p>Chair: Department of Taoiseach</p> <p>Current Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Education and Skills • Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection • Lourdes Youth and Community Services / NICCC • Larkin Unemployed Centre / NICCC • Inner City Renewal Group LES • National College of Ireland • Business in the Community • City of Dublin Education and Training Board • 2 reps from the NEIC Principals' Network (Primary & Secondary) • NEIC Programme Office
3. Family Wellbeing (New)	<p>Chair: Tusla</p> <p>Current Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tusla • Health Service Executive • YPAR / NICCC • Community After School Programme/ NICCC • Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland • Parenting Support Champion • Family Resource Centre • Department of Health • NEIC Programme Office

4. Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment
(formerly 'Improving the Physical Landscape')

Chair: Dublin City Council

Current Memberships:

- Dublin City Council
- An Garda Síochána
- Business Sector
- Dublin City Community Co-op / NICCC
- Sunflower Recycling / NICCC
- Dublin Docklands Office
- Cluid Housing
- NEIC Programme Office

5. Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health
(formerly 'Substance Use and Misuse')

Chair: Department of Health

Current Memberships:

- HSE Dublin North City and County
- HSE National Social Inclusion Office
- HSE City Clinic
- NICDA Taskforce
- Service Users
- NEIC Programme Office
- Community representatives / NICCC x2

6. Alignment of Services
(New)

Chair: Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Current Memberships:

- CDYSB
- YPAR
- NYPI / Tusla
- CDETB
- CYPSC
- Representative from CCC / Better Start
- Rutland Street School
- NEIC Programme Office
- NICCC x2