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

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

ALLOCATION OF 2020 FUNDING

On recommendation of the NEIC Budget Sub-Group four further projects were approved by the Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 25th November 2020. This completes the distribution of the 2020 NEIC fund of €6.5M allocated by the Department of Rural & Community Development. The latest proposals approved, in the total sum of €769,206, were Capital contributions to the following projects:

Diamond Park - €350,000 Contribution

Preparatory work has been underway by Dublin City Council Parks & Landscaping Services Dept. since 2017 on a proposal to re-develop Diamond Park. This commenced with a €30K allocation of funding from NEIC resources in 2017 to initiate the pre-design process.

The project subsequently progressed through pre-design consultation, full design stage and the statutory planning process under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 which will be completed pending full Council approval in December. Subject to approval and availability of funding the project will advance to public procurement stage with the construction project going to tender in Q1 2021. The current Order of Magnitude costing for the project stands at €1.36M.

As the re-development of Diamond Park has been identified as a priority in the NEIC Greening Strategy (Phase 1-2018-2021) an advance contribution of €350,000 to Dublin City Council towards overall costs was approved from NEIC 2020 funds.

Sean MacDermott St. Swimming Pool - €230,000 Contribution

Sean MacDermott St. Swimming Pool has been closed to the public since February 2020. This was due (pre-Covid 19) to issues with tiles lifting in the pool floor and walls. Investigative surveys have revealed that significant remedial work is required to bring the pool back to standard for public use. The quotation for the essential works to the pool and deck area alone is in the region of €400,000. Further repair and replacement works are required in the wider drainage system due to corrosion and wear and tear in the pipework system. These works have not yet been costed.

The Sean MacDermott St. Swimming Pool is considered an essential recreational facility in the North East Inner City area particularly for local schools and clubs and it is desirable that it is brought back into public use as quickly as possible. It was agreed therefore by the NEIC Board that a contribution of €230,000 would be made to Dublin City Council towards the pool remedial works.

NEIC Sports Hub 'The Well' - €98,000

Dublin City Council and the NEIC Programme Office has been working for the past 18 months on the development of 'The Well' an innovative Sports Hub concept for the North East Inner City area. This facility is envisaged as a centrally located, street fronting, inviting modern space where members of the public will engage directly with the Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing team and access comprehensive information on all the sport, recreation and wellbeing initiatives on offer in the area. This will be the first facility of its kind in the country.

Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative intends to develop synergies with a number of National Governing Bodies (NGB's) in this project including the FAI, Leinster Rugby, Leinster Cricket, Athletics Ireland, Swim Ireland, Irish Amateur Boxing Association and others. Shared space will be made available for local sports clubs, facility providers and organisations for networking and information purposes. It is intended that public access to the Sports Hub will be tailored to meet the optimal identified need i.e. extended hours, evenings, weekends and school holidays.

The estimated cost of getting the facility up and running for a pilot project of 1 yr is €160,000. A sum of €62,000 has already been secured by Dublin City Council via a Sport Ireland Grant under the 'Community Sports & Physical Activity Hubs' category. The NEIC Board approved the balance of €98,000 from 2020 funds. Dublin City Council, Central Area Office, will manage the project.

46-49 North Great Clarence St. (currently occupied by D-Light Studios) - €91,206

The building at 46-49 North Great Clarence Street, originally constructed circa. 1900, is considered to have historic and architectural merit as recognised by its listing in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. [Link](#)

Proposed re-development of the building, currently occupied by D-Light studios, was included by Dublin City Council in an application for funding under the 2020 URDF Programme. The estimated cost of required works stands at €7.2M. A decision on this funding application is expected before year end. In the meantime, the condition of the building continues to deteriorate and a further round of essential repairs are necessary at this point to ensure that D-Light Studios can continue to operate from the building. This includes a small scale refurbishment of a section of ground floor space to bring up to standard for public use/access to compensate for the loss of the main upstairs Studio 'A' space pending completion of Fire Safety compliance works included in the URDF application. This would ensure that the building remains in active use thus helping to prevent further deterioration pending the major

re-development works which may not commence for a number of years. The NEIC Board approved a sum of €91,206 in respect of the essential repairs and these works will be completed before year end.

The full list of projects / programmes approved in 2020 is set out on Appendix A. The Current / Capital breakdown is €5,147,794 / €1,352,206.

The updated list takes account of some adjustments to previously listed approved projects resulting in funds becoming available for re-allocation. The main ones are:

- Community Case Management €485,073 – *Removed, Project Deferred to 2021*
- Emerging Needs Fund €250,000 – *Underspent by €160,207*

All NEIC 2020 funds have now been allocated. Formal confirmation of the 2021 funding is awaited but it is anticipated that it will be the same as 2020 i.e. €6.5M. The process of distributing those funds to approved projects and programmes will re-commence, within the NEIC structures, in accordance with the agreed processes and having regard to the objectives set out in [NEIC Strategic Plan 2020-2022](#)

NEIC Progress Report 2020

The NEIC Progress Report 2020 is currently being compiled and will be published on 21st December 2020. A copy will be circulated to members of the Area Committee as soon as it is available.

If further information or clarification is required in relation to the funded projects please contact the NEIC Programme Office directly at neic@dublincity.ie General information is available on www.neic.ie

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APPENDIX A
NEIC Programme – 2020 Funding Proposals Approved

Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme Allocation (€6.39M of €6.5M)	
Sub-Group – Enhanced Policing	
Operation Cribbage (Additional Policing resources for Liberty Park & Environs)	370,000
Educational Bursary to increase Garda retention in NEIC area	58,200
Community Dialogue Initiative	14,475
Drug Related Intimidation Pilot Project (Ana Liffey Drug Project)	23,814
Acts of Compassion Ministries – Ethnic Policing Forum	5,400
Community Safety Partnership Pilot in Dublin North Inner City	150,000
Sub-Total	€621,889
Sub-Group 2 – Maximising Educational, Training & Employment Opportunities	
School Principals Network – MA in Education (Special Option Poverty and Social Inclusion in Education)	42,900
Doodle Den Literacy Project (Early Learning Initiative)	51,000
Career LEAP – work readiness programme for 17-25 year olds	27,952
NEIC After School Study Programme (6 Post-Primary Schools)	125,330
NEIC/ NCI Work Experience Programme 2020-2021	9,995
BITCI NEIC Summer Work Placement Programme	3,137
Fighting Words – Creative Writing Programme	40,000
Coding and Robotics in non-PTECH Schools	47,162
Childcare CPD Bursary	2,2250
Educational Guidance for Second Level Schools	50,000
Flash Mentoring	44,978
ICRG Training Bursary	10,000
JumpAgrade – 20 Scholarships for Post Primary Students	18,000
Sub-Total	€492,704
Sub-Group 3 – Family Wellbeing	
Service Provision for 7 to 10 year olds (Belvedere Youth Club)	48,764
Under 18s Mental Wellbeing Therapeutic and Counselling Support (YPAR)	79,000
Brighter Futures Restorative Practice (ELI)	43,000
	€170,764
Sub-Group 4 – Enhanced Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment *	
NEIC Greening Strategy Phase 1 – Round 2	505,000
Community Events Programme 2020 (Revised)	230,000
Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme 2020 (Revised)	200,000
The Green Ribbon Environmental Project	120,000
Arts Projects	120,000
Mountjoy Square Festival of Music & Culture (Revised)	50,000
Playground Improvements Programme (Contribution)	50,000
Sheriff YC Refurbishment (Contribution)	28,000
Diamond Park Re-development (Contribution)	350,000
Sean MacDermott St. Swimming Pool Remedial Works (Contribution)	230,000
NEIC Sports Hub 'The Well'	98,000
46-49 North Great Clarence St. (D-Light Studios)	91,206
Sub-Total	€2,072,206

Sub-Group 5 – Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health	
ICON Community Participation Worker (to end June 2020)	10,953
Addiction Assessment Hub	99,592
Summerhill Inclusion Hub – Homeless Drug and Alcohol Services	376,500
NEIC Community Health Project	98,500
Dual Diagnosis Awareness and Train the Trainer Workshops (DCU)	9,000
Sub-Total	€594,545
Sub-Group 6 – Alignment of Services	
Research on reduced timetables in NEIC post primary schools (Swan Youth Service)	34,400
Detached Youth Outreach Project (Swan Youth Service)	150,000
City Connects Programme – Phase 2	707,449
OT/SLT/Psychology in NEIC Schools	165,900
Young Leaders for Active Citizenship	40,350
Sub-Total	€1,098,099
NEIC Programme Office – Overarching all Sub-Groups	
Programme Management (incl. Community engagement, PR & Comms.)	260,000
NEIC Social Employment Fund – maintain existing 55 places	1,000,000
Community Grants Scheme 2020	100,000
Emerging Needs Fund	89,793
Sub-Total	€1,449,793
TOTAL	€6,500,000