

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

**North East Inner City Ministerial Task Force**

In July 2016 The Taoiseach announced a major new initiative focussed on the development of North East Inner City (the boundary of the relevant area is generally in line with the boundary of the previous RAPID Programme). The Taoiseach is chairing a Ministerial Taskforce which has been established to support the long-term economic and social regeneration of the area.

Mr. Kieran Mulvey, former Chairman of the Labour Court, has been appointed to prepare a report and recommend specific measures to support this regeneration. The terms of reference for Mr. Mulvey's report, which were developed following consultation with community and public representatives from the area, are as follows:

- (i) to oversee implementation of short-term responses to the recent and ongoing challenges facing the community in the area
- (ii) to review existing structures and programmes for economic and social development within the North East Inner City, both statutory and non-statutory
- (iii) to engage with and involve local community and public representatives throughout the process; this should include a collaborative review process involving children, young people, parents, professionals and other stakeholders
- (iv) to take account of experience and good practice in other projects\areas, as well as national policy developments such as the review of the National Drugs Strategy
- (v) to recommend specific measures which would support the long-term economic and social regeneration of the area, with a ten year timeframe, including in the areas of· community safety and policing· early intervention programmes for children· education and training· employment opportunities improving the physical environment housing· tackling the impact of drugs community development including family, youth and recreation activity
- (vi) to recommend structures\procedures to ensure better co-ordination of statutory and non-statutory programmes in the area
- (vii) to identify some indicators of economic and social development which can be used to track progress over a ten-year period.

The report is due to be delivered to the Ministerial Taskforce by the end of November 2016.

Pending the delivery of Mr. Mulvey's report The Taoiseach also announced a number of short term measures to support work already being done in the area and to help to tackle the current challenges being faced by the community. Some of the short term measures announced fall within the remit of Dublin City Council and in this regard a Project Team has been set up, under the Central Area Office structure, to work specifically on the implementation of these.

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has allocated Dormant Account Funding of just over €1million (€715,000 capital, €325,000 current), through Sport Ireland, to Dublin City Council for a range of sports measures for the North East Inner City. Dublin City Council's NEIC Project Team will lead and manage these projects in partnership with Sport Ireland and other relevant stakeholders and work is currently underway in this regard.

The current funding of €325,000 will be allocated for the following projects:

- Development of a range of new Sport Coaching Programmes in association with Sport Ireland, the GAA, FAI and others with an emphasis on the unemployed and as a gateway towards jobs
- Appointment of a full time experienced Senior Sport Development Officer to the North East Inner City Area
- Special programme of coaching at St Joseph's (O'Connell's) GAA Club
- Grants scheme for sports focused community organisations in the North East Inner City Area, managed by the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership.

The capital funding of €715,000 will be allocated for the following projects:

- New artificial surface and renovation of boards and netting for existing mini pitch adjacent to Sheriff Youth Club in Sherriff Street
- New multi-sport artificial surface for the existing all weather pitch at Larkin Community College
- New multi-sport mini artificial surfaced pitch for Dublin City Council Recreational Centre in Sheriff Street
- Sporting equipment for Youth Service Groups and clubs in order to enhance existing participative programmes in the general area
- Refurbishment of existing vacant premises in Ballybough as a new boxing facility
- Grant to St Joseph's Boys (O'Connell's) GAA club for equipment and improvements to club centre.

In addition to the above funding in the sum of €500,000 is being allocated from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Development to the North East Inner City (NEIC) Project via Dublin City Council.

It is stipulated by the Department that this funding allocation is to be split 50/50 under their Social Inclusion and Social Regeneration Sub-Heads. A submission has been

made to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Development regarding proposed use of this funding.

Approval has been received under the Social Inclusion Sub-Head allocation for the following projects:

- **NEIC Halloween Festival** - Under the auspices of the Dublin City Community Co-operative a collaborative Halloween programme is being developed for the first time under the guidance of a professional festival co-ordinator. The festival programme will incorporate the communities of the three local areas Ballybough, Sean MacDermott St. and Sheriff Street to create a planned physical presence of activity on the streets on Halloween and the days leading up to it. Funding will meet the costs of festival programming and production i.e. event management services, infrastructure etc.
- **Reader in Residence Project** - Dublin City Public Libraries will deliver a dedicated Reader in Residence programme based in Charleville Mall Library. The programme will have two main strands, one aimed at school going children and one aimed at young people in a non-school setting with planned activities based around the idea of reading for fun. The programme will be delivered in partnership with home school community liaison teachers, schools, youth projects and other community based agencies.
- **CoderDojo Digital Skills Project** - Dublin City Public Libraries will setup and manage a CoderDojo Based in Chaleville Mall Library aimed specifically at children and young people from the NEIC. Within the CoderDojo Movement there is focus on community, peer learning, youth mentoring and self led learning, with an emphasis on showing how coding is a force for change in the world. The programme will run for a 12 month period.
- **Small Grants** to be allocated via Dublin City LCDC - Criteria and process being drafted

Approval is awaited for the Social Regeneration portion which will include projects such as improvements to the physical environment with a focus on clean-up of litter, graffiti, derelict sites etc.

The Central Area Committee will be kept informed of progress on the NEIC Initiative. In the meantime Dublin City Council's Project Team, based at Central Area Headquarters, 51-53 Sean MacDermott St., can be contacted at

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