

Title of Report: Children and Young People's Programme	Officer Presenting: Director of Health and Community Author: Head of Community Development and Leisure
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1. To update Members on the work streams within the Children and Young People's programme.

2 Background

- 2.1. The focus of the Children and Young People's programme is to embed the participation of Children and Young People through a Child Rights based approach across the Derry City and Strabane District Council area.
- 2.3. Over the past 6 years Council has worked in partnership with UNICEF to assist in the delivery of the following Programmes and Initiatives using a Child Rights based approach:
 - One Plan – The development of the Early Intervention Catalyst Programme.
 - Derry City Council's Children and Young People Action Plan 2012-2015.
 - The development and endorsement of Derry City Council Children and Young People Participation Policy of Intent (updated to align with new Super Council).
 - The development and implementation of Derry City Council Youth Council Partnership agreement with WELB Youth Service (updated to align with new Super Council).
 - The development and implementation of Derry City Youth Council Action Plan (updated to align with new Super Council).
 - Draft Strategic Community Plan.
 - Comprehensive Children and Young People Consultation process regarding the Community Planning process and development.
 - The development of the EYC 2019 Initiative.

3 Key Issues

3.1. Local Government Reform in NI has brought Community Planning to the forefront of the strategic planning process. Derry City and Strabane District Council's Inclusive Strategic Growth Plan 2017-2032 sets out the long term vision to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the District.

3.2. The development of the Strategic Growth Plan and supporting Local Community Plans in each of the eight Local Community Planning areas (Ballyarnett, Foyleside, The Moor, Waterside, Strabane, Faughan, Sperrin and Derg) has created the opportunity to align the governance arrangements for the Children and Young Peoples theme with the Western Area Outcomes Group and Locality Planning Groups.

3.3. As a result of the change process the role of the Children and Young Peoples programme has been aligned with the priorities identified within the Strategic Growth Plan and the emerging priorities within the Local Community Plans. The key work streams are as follows:

- **Strategic Growth Plan** - working with the Western Area Outcome Group to deliver on outcomes for Children and Young Peoples through a partnership approach.
- **Local Community Plans (LCP)** - working within the emerging governance arrangements for Local Community Planning to progress the actions identified for Children and Young people within each of the 8 LCP areas.
- **UNICEF Child Rights Partner Programme** - reviewing policy and participation processes for the involvement of children and young people, working with Council staff and organisations across the District to embed the Child Rights framework across service design and delivery (Child Rights Training, Kinship care research, Tendering and Commissioning, Schools Programme). (Appendix 1-1.3 – UNICEF Child Rights Partner Programme Application)
- **PEACE IV funded programmes;**

Under the Peace IV Local Action Plan Objective 4.1 Derry City and Strabane District Council was awarded £6.1m. Youth Participation and Democracy and Youth Zone is funded as part of this programme. The PEACE IV programme is an EU funded programme designed to support peace and reconciliation in

Northern Ireland and the border region and is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

The Children and Young People's Officer has responsibility for the delivery of the following PEACE IV funded programmes.

Youth Participation and Democracy; Project title 3.3.

Total target KPIs 380 young people, sustained in cross community engagement for a minimum of 26 hours over 6 months;

Areas covered by Children and Young Peoples Coordinator	Year	KPI – Participant Numbers
3.3.1. Development of youth steering group to shape the structures for a Youth Council.	2017- 2018	20
3.3.2. Youth Council; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training • Development of Youth Manifesto • Cross Border Youth Exchange • Series of study visits • Ignite Change Conference (2019). 	2018 - 2021	60
3.7. Let's Talk events (each DEA); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme in each DEA - 2018 • Cross Community conference – 2019. 	Change request needed to move from 2019 to 2018- 2019 to align with Local Community Planning process.	240 (30 in each area)
Total target KPIs		320

Pilot Youth Zone; Project title 3.5. - Total target KPIs 60

- Development of a Youth steering group to be involved in the research project;
- Personal Development training programmes;
- Feasibility Study on Youth Zone;
- Information sessions and consultation events co-designed and run by young people.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications

4.1. Members will be aware that the UNICEF Child Rights Partner Programme will cost £30k per annum. The cost will be split between the Western Outcomes Group and Derry City and Strabane District Council. (Min Ref: HC210/17).

4.2 The total budget for the PEACE IV funded projects are as follows.

Steering group	£	6,700.00
Youth council	£	94,000.00
Cross Border Youth Exchange Programme	£	17,940.00
Let's Talk Programme	£	58,700.00
Ignite change conference	£	34,700.00
Youth Zone	£	20,000.00
Total	£	232,040.00

All of the above projects are funded at 100% through PEACE IV.

4.3 The above programmes meet with Council's improvement objectives as follows:

CP7 – Our children and young people feel safer, healthier, more respected and included and have enhanced opportunities to fully realise their potential and become, active, responsible citizens.

HC3- Develop child's rights through improved partnership structures which advocate for; create opportunities for children and young people's engagement and target services on key areas of need.

4.4 There are no Equality, HR or Legal implications at this stage.

5.0. Recommendations

5.1 That Members note the contents of this report.

Background Papers

Appendix 1: Unicef Expression of Interest

Appendix 2: Western Area Outcome Group (WAOG) Partner Descriptions

Appendix 3: Keys areas of support required from UNICEF

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