



## Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
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### Relevant Background Information

Members will be aware that at the meeting of 12 December 2007, Committee agreed to provide a maximum of £30,000 in the financial year 2008-2009 to the Play Resource Centre, subject to an application from the organisation being assessed by the Department, the outcome of which would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

### Key Issues

The application from the Play Resource Centre has now been assessed and a Service Level Agreement between BCC and the Play Resource Centre drawn up, a copy is attached as Appendix 1. Officers are of the view that continuing to fund the PRC will enable the organisation to:

- Provide a range of training programmes to build the capacity of community organisations to deliver quality projects for children and young people.
- Deliver a communication strategy via IT and marketing plan.
- Provide low cost arts materials and recycled waste materials to community and voluntary organisations, assisting with programme development and reduced revenue costs.
- Facilitate the participation of 240 children and young people in the Creative Paths programme

- Deliver workshops to volunteers and Council staff on the development of innovative services around summer scheme and after schools provision.
- Provision of a neutral meeting/training space for groups & volunteers across the city.

### **Resource Implications**

#### Financial

Sum not exceeding £30,000

#### Human Resources

No implication on the current allocation

### **Recommendations**

That Committee notes the contents of the Service Level Agreement between BCC and the Play Resource Centre and, in accordance with the decision of 12 December 2007, that the organisation will receive funding of £30,000 in order to deliver the services outlined in Appendix 1

### **Key to Abbreviations**

BCC – Belfast City Council  
PRC – Play Resource Centre

### **Documents Attached**

Appendix 1. Service Level Agreement with BCC and PRC

# APPENDIX 1

## Contract terms for SLA 2008/2009

To support the continued provision of the following core services to community groups in the Belfast City Council area.

Service provided by PRC	Benefits to Belfast City Council
Provision of free recycled waste materials to community, voluntary and statutory groups	Member ship of over 700 groups with 50% from within the BCC area. Approximately 1 transit van load provided annually or each group.
Provision of low cost arts materials to members	Cost of materials is subsidised. On average members from BCC area saved £40,000 last year.
Provision of arts workshops and training	Provision of arts training programmes. Provision of bursaries for community groups to provide tutors in their own centre. Last year bursaries were awarded totalling £8,000.
Development of services through IT and marketing	E-bulletin provided to community groups. Access to website information, Increased access to information and resources for community groups. Access to exhibition space with the PRW for groups to display their work.

To provide the following additional specific services:

Service provided by PRC	Benefits to Belfast City Council
Creative Paths programme to be provided to twelve community and play centres for 10 hours per centre. This programme uses the medium of art to explore issues within local communities.	240 children and young people provided with arts programme. Staff and volunteers to enhance skills knowledge. Art box containing arts and creative materials left with group at end of project to encourage continuation of programme of work.
Advice in running play and arts projects in Council's Community and Play centres.	Provision of resource for staff and volunteers to enhance service provision.
Venue at Duncairn Gardens for training and public consultation.	Free use of neutral facility with car parking.
Contact details of tutors and community artists in the form of an information handbook.	Information to be used to update resources to be utilised by Community Services. Over 100 community schemes providing play services and summer schemes will be provided with information regarding additional resources.