

BELFAST : A YOUNG CITY / A CITY FOR THE YOUNG

OVERALL PURPOSE:

- To put in place a strategy for Children & Young People in BCC and for Belfast
- To create awareness of the range of services and facilities available to Children & Young People in BCC
 - To enhance the participation of young people in BCC and in Belfast also

EVIDENCE, ADVOCACY AND STRATEGY

£25k

Commission audit of current C&YO work in BCC and in Belfast

Work already commissioned and near completion

Create BCC Strategy - £5k

Process to take place over next six months with draft to Committee by December 09

Facilitate development of Belfast Strategy including major conference - £20k

Twin process of engagement with key stakeholders with the city culminating in a major conference by March 2010

ACTIVITY AND PARTICIPATION

£75k

Create 'Take back the City' programme, July–Oct 09

The object is to increase children and young peoples' awareness of what is available and to encourage and enhance their participation in the City – hence the title

Launch- July 09

Programme City Centre - £25k

The city centre programme will build on the current Urban Trans Programme, which takes place in July/Aug. It will expand the programme to include a number of events and participative projects including an Ulster Hall event

Programme Neighbourhoods - £40k

The Neighbourhood Programme will complement the existing whole city play scheme but will run from July to Sept 09. The programme will involve a linked City Programme for children/young people with the 11 Neighbourhood Partnerships as key partner.

Review / relaunch Youth Forum – £5k

The Youth Forum will be refreshed taking into account the recent review of its practice and relaunched

Finish with key events at Reopening of City Hall - £5k

A number of key events are planned for children and young people at the reopening of City Hall including a carnival day, a family fun day, Oh Yeah concert and a youth performance (subject to Council Agreement)