



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Consultation: NICCY DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2011-14
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	We have been asked to respond to the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People's (NICCY) draft Corporate Strategy for 2011-14. NICCY's principal aim is: "To safeguard and promote the rights and best interests of children and young persons".
1.2	<u>SUMMARY of the proposed options</u>
1.3	Objective 1: Promote a better understanding of children's rights They will do this through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Promoting an understanding of children's rights to children and young people, parents, carers and stakeholders- Raising awareness of the United Nations Convention for Rights of the Child (UNCRC) through education, facilitation and training- Developing resources to enable a better understanding of children's rights
1.4	Objective 2: Review the adequacy and effectiveness of law, practice and services relating to children and young people They will do this through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conducting or commissioning research, consultations and/or investigations- Intervening in legal cases

<p>1.5</p> <p>1.6</p> <p>1.7</p> <p>1.8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taking or funding legal proceedings as appropriate - Dealing with complaints regarding relevant authorities <p>Objective 3: Advise Government and relevant authorities on the rights and best interests of children and young people</p> <p>They will do this through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Producing reports to Government on matters affecting children and young people - Providing responses to Government consultations in areas that impact upon children and young people - Presenting evidence to NI Assembly Committees - Promoting children and young people's participation in decision-making <p>Objective 4: Communicate the functions of the Commissioner among children, their parents or carers and our stakeholders</p> <p>They will do this through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing effective and innovative ways to communicate with children, their parents or carers and our stakeholders - Providing advice and information <p>Objective 5: Ascertain the views of children and young people in relation to issues which affect their lives</p> <p>They will do this through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seeking the views of children in gathering information on issues affecting them and in formulating advice to government - Developing creative and accessible mechanisms to ensure children and young people can contact the Commissioner <p>Objective 6: Maintain and further develop effective governance arrangements in line with best practice to maximise efficient, effective and economical use of our resources</p> <p>They will do this through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring and evaluating the impact of their work - Reviewing and revising key organisational strategies (Human Resources, Financial, and Accommodation). - Producing annual business plans throughout the 2011 -14 period - Maintaining and further developing their organisational strategies and policies that support the achievement of our corporate objectives <p>The Full proposal is available online, and attached as Appendix 2.</p> <p>http://www.niccy.org/uploaded_docs/2010/NICCY%20Consultation/NICCY%20draft%20Corporate%20Plan%202011%2014%20final.pdf</p>
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2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>NICCY have already spoken to members of our Children and Young People unit and Play Team in the initial stages of developing this strategy. NICCY have provided a specific set of questions for the consultation response. We have used this template and added some general points that have been raised by Community Services, Parks and Leisure and Community Safety.</p> <p>The proposed draft response is attached to this paper.</p>

3	Resource Implications
3.1	There are no additional resource implications.

4	Equality Implications
4.1	None.

5	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to :
5.1	1. Approve the suggested response; or
5.2	2. To suggest additional comments or changes that they feel need to be made.

6	Decision Tracking
	There is no decision tracking attached to this report.

7	Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1: Draft Response Document</p> <p>Appendix 2: NICCY Draft Corporate Strategy</p>

8	Key to Abbreviations
	<p>NICCY - Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People's</p> <p>UNCRC - United Nations Convention for Rights of the Child</p>