



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Consultation: CYPSP Various Plans
Date:	18 September 2012
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	<p>Council have been asked to provide their views on how to improve outcomes for specific groups of children and young people, who are at a particular disadvantage, and their families, across Northern Ireland. Regional sub groups with membership from the statutory, voluntary and community sectors have been set up by the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership. Many of these groups have formed and developed action plans, others are at an earlier planning stage. The Sub Groups that have completed their action plans are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Children and Young People with Disabilities- Transition to Adulthood for Young People with Disabilities- Children and Young People with Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties- Young Carers <p>The full plans are attached as appendices.</p> <p>These plans follow a consultation that Council responded to in January 2012, "Belfast outcomes group: improving outcomes for children, young people and their families. Priorities to inform the action plan for the Belfast area".</p> <p>The consultation document was assigned to Development on the 2 July 2012 and comments are to be returned by the 25 September 2012.</p> <p>The consultations document was distributed to officers across Council and their responses have been included in the provisional draft response attached as appendix 1.</p>

2	Key Issues
2.1	The aims of the action plans are aligned with the Council's priorities relating to children and young people and those with disabilities.
2.2	<p>The plans would benefit from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greater recognition of the work that Council already does in this area. - Linking into existing mechanisms that could help them achieve their objectives, such as the Youth Forum and the Council's work with Volunteers. - Consideration of the role that the arts can play in increasing quality of life. - Including physical activity as a means of improving health, learning, and improved mental wellbeing. - Further dialogue and involvement with other experts in the public and voluntary sector.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	There are no additional resource implications.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no Equality and Good Relations considerations attached to this report.

5	Recommendations
5.1	Members are asked to approve the draft BCC response to the consultation and raise any additional issues, relating to the consultation document, that they would like to be included.

6	Decision Tracking
6.1	There is no Decision Tracking attached to this report.

7	Documents Attached
7.1	<p>Appendix 1 "Consultation Draft Response CYPSP Various Plans"</p> <p>Appendix 2 "Children and Young People with Disabilities Draft Action Plan 2011-2014"</p> <p>Appendix 3 "Transition to Adulthood of Young People with Disabilities Draft Action Plan 2011-2014"</p> <p>Appendix 4 "Children and Young People with Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties Draft Action Plan 2011-2014"</p> <p>Appendix 5 "Young Carers Draft Action Plan 2011-2014"</p>