



Report to	Development Committee
Subject:	Children and Young People Service Update
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The purpose of the paper is to provide an update on the Council's Children and Young People (CYP) priority and seek approval for delegated authority for the 'Ur City 2' grant awards.
1.2	<p>Since the last CYP update in May 2013, the children and young people unit delivered its summer programme which involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Summer Schemes & play sessions in 4 play centres and 3 outreach centres; – Summer central events attended by over 3,500 summer scheme children across Belfast at 2 Play days (4 July and 7 August), the Challenge Day (30 July) and Party in the Park (7 August evening event for teenagers); – Play staff provided 20 Come and Play Sessions in parks in Taughmonagh, Springhill and Connswater, 4 Fun days run by Parks and Leisure Department and 2 Wide Game events in Falls and Ormeau Parks – Play for All Project resources for community and play centres to support children with disabilities in their summer schemes and staff supported activities in the summer scheme run by Kids Together, which supports children with disabilities. – In support of summer activities, summer scheme training was provided to 300 staff and volunteers from community centres and voluntary groups comprising of both child protection and practical skills workshops. – Session support sessions for 42 summer schemes in the voluntary community sector were delivered on craft, games or messy play sessions. – Youth Forum members were front and centre at President Obama's visit on 17 June in the Waterfront Hall providing interviews for World Media; – The Growing Respect and Intergenerational programmes with the Youth Forum met over the summer and there was a Youth Forum day out.

1.3	<p>A full programme of activity is in development for the next months and updates will be provided in due course. Highlights include the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – New play projects are being developed in Sailorstown area, Lower Oldpark as well as with the Chinese Welfare Association and also An Munia Tober. – A new outdoor play project is underway in Connswater area. – Youth Forum residential (20 - 22 September); – Eurvoice Event (8 October) – The Council's Intergenerational project which involves a cross border visit; – Ur City 2 grant aid.
1.4	<p>Other activities of interest taking place in the city in relation to children and young people are the Playboard Conference (8 & 9 October) and PCSP young people conference (24 October)</p>
1.5	<p><u>Ur City 2 grant aid</u></p> <p>The council's dedicated grant aid scheme targeting the needs of Children and Young People called ' Ur City 2' is underway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Each year the Children and Young People Unit manage the £60,000.00 fund specifically targeted at delivering activities in the 12 Neighbourhood Renewal areas through the local area action plans for children and young people. – There are five themes under which proposed activities should be applied for and these are Good Relations, Community Safety, Culture & Arts, Health & Well-being and the Environment. – Each Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership appoints a Lead Organisation who can then apply for up to £5,000 award. – The Lead organisation supports and encourages children and young people to identify local resources, needs and any gaps in provision which 'Ur City 2' can support for example by supporting delivery of training opportunities, themed events, projects and activities. – All project proposals will be returned for assessment by Friday 27 September 2013 and projects will be delivered by the end of this financial year.
1.6	<p>Delegated authority is sought for the Director to sign off the awards for the Neighbourhood renewal areas with a full update provided to Members thereafter.</p>
1.7	<p>A range of children and young people services continue to be delivered by other departments across council e.g. Growing Respect, Youth Engagement project etc. In February 2013 the PCN board agreed the outline corporate CYP outcomes framework which will shape a co-ordinated programme of work integrating all the Council's provision for children and young people priority in particular aligning it to the wider regional children and young people strategic partnership led by OFMDFM.</p>
1.8	<p>Strategically work continues to progress the framework with senior managers and meetings with Youth Champions have taken place or are being scheduled.</p>

2	Key Issues
2.1	<p><u>Response</u></p> <p>Traditionally a couple of Neighbourhood renewal areas did not apply in the first round and further calls were made with mixed success. This approach was not efficient as it did not leave a lot of project delivery time. Additional steps are in place this year to try to proactively address this issue, however, if the same experience occurs officers seek permission to redistribute the remaining monies (no more than £10,000) to applications already received from Neighbourhood renewal areas.</p>

3	Resource Implications
3.1	The budget of £60,000 is within the departmental estimates for 2013/14.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	There are no relevant equality and good relations implications

5	Recommendations
5.1	Members are requested to note the contents of the report and grant the delegated authority for the Director to approve the Ur City 2 awards.

6	Decision Tracking
The CYP manager will implement the agreed actions.	

7	Key to Abbreviations
<p>CYP - Children and Young People</p> <p>PCSP - Policing and Community Safety Partnership</p>	