



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Department of Education Consultation on Children and Young People's Strategy Initial 3-Year Delivery Plan 2021-2024 – Council Response</b>
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<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to bring to the Committee's attention the public consultation the Department of Education's consultation on the Children and Young People's Strategy Initial 3-Year Delivery Plan 2021-2024 and ask that the attached draft Council response be approved for submission to the Department by the closing date of 9th March 2022. The consultation document can be accessed at: <a href="#">Consultation on Children and Young People's Strategy initial 3-year Delivery Plan 2021 - 2024   Department of Education (education-ni.gov.uk)</a>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to approve the draft Council response to the public consultation, as attached.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Background and Context</u></b>
3.1	The Northern Ireland Executive approved the Children and Young People’s Strategy on 10th December 2020. This can be viewed at: <a href="https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/children-and-young-peoples-strategy-2020-2030">https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/children-and-young-peoples-strategy-2020-2030</a> .
3.2	The Children’s Services Co-operation Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 requires the Executive to adopt a Children and Young People’s Strategy. This Strategy sets out how they propose to improve the well-being of children and young people. The strategy must also set out the outcomes the Executive intends to achieve, what actions will be taken by departments (among others) to achieve the outcome and how it will be determined whether, and to what extent, the outcomes have been achieved.
3.3	Following on from the production of that strategy an associated internal delivery plan for 2021-2024 has been developed and the Department of Education is currently carrying out a public consultation which can be viewed at <a href="https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultation-on-children-and-young-peoples-strategy-initial-3-year-delivery-plan-2021-2024">Consultation on Children and Young People’s Strategy initial 3-year Delivery Plan 2021 - 2024   Department of Education (education-ni.gov.uk)</a>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
3.4	The Executive approved the Children and Young People’s Strategy (CYPS) on 10th December 2020, and this was published in January 2021. It sets out how the well-being of children and young people would be improved via the following eight outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Physical and mental health</li> <li>2. Enjoyment of play and leisure</li> <li>3. Learning and achievement</li> <li>4. Living in safety and with stability</li> <li>5. Economic and environmental well-being</li> <li>6. Making a positive contribution to society</li> <li>7. Living in a society which respects their rights</li> <li>8. Living in a society in which equality of opportunity and good relations are promoted</li> </ol>
3.5	The Executive also committed that these outcomes would be underpinned by, ‘Delivery Plans’, containing the actions being taken to deliver the outcomes. The CYPS Delivery Plan

3.6	<p>2021 – 2024 (the ‘Delivery Plan’), has been created in partnership with all NICS departments to set out the actions being taken to achieve the eight CYPS outcomes to improve children and young people’s well-being in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The actions outlined in the Delivery Plan may be subject to change depending on new or emerging priorities, the affordability of the actions and depending on the resources which will be available during the 2022 - 2025 budget period. Such decisions will be for respective Ministers and where appropriate the Northern Ireland Executive.</p>
3.7	<p><b><u>Council Response</u></b></p> <p>Following circulation of the consultation document and consideration by relevant Council officers feedback received on the CYPS Delivery Plan 2021 – 2024 (the ‘Delivery Plan’), was developed into a detailed collective response which is attached for consideration. In summary the high-level commentary focused on the following aspects the eight outcomes identified above and was provided by Officers in the following Council business/service areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Services/Provision</li> <li>- Play Services</li> <li>- Landscape and Planning</li> <li>- Community Planning</li> <li>- Resilience</li> <li>- Leisure</li> <li>- Good Relations</li> </ul>
3.7	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None currently</p>
3.8	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>The Council response details a range of such implications but the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on children and young people in both rural and urban settings was highlighted as a particular issue to address under the CYPS Delivery Plan 2021 – 2024.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Document Attached</b></p>
	<p>Draft Council Response</p>

