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## **SPECIAL MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet remotely, via Microsoft Teams, on Tuesday, 20th October, 2020 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

1. **Routine Matters**
  - (a) Apologies
  - (b) Declarations of Interest
2. **Update in respect of request to meet DoE and PHA (Pages 1 - 6)**
3. **Belfast Youth Forum Agenda (Pages 7 - 10)**





<b>Subject:</b>	Update in respect of correspondence following last Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	20th October, 2020
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To bring to the Committee’s attention responses received from the Department of Education and The Public Health Agency (PHA).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the responses and decide whether it wishes to proceed with the proposed joint meeting as agreed at the last meeting.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
3.1	The Committee, at its meeting on 8th January, agreed that letters be forwarded to the Permanent Secretaries of both the Department of Health and Department of Education seeking a joint meeting to discuss its “Any Use?” Relationship and Sexual Education Campaign report and its “Elephant in the Room” Mental Health Campaign.
3.2	It was also agreed that representatives of the Public Health Agency be invited to the meeting.

3.3	The Committee is asked to note that responses had been received from both the Department of Education and the Public Health Authority. Whilst the Department of Education had advised that representatives were willing to attend the proposed meeting, the PHA had sought clarity as to why the Youth Forum were seeking the meeting, advising that The PHA had already met with the Belfast Youth Forum regarding the reports.
3.4	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
3.3	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
4.0	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>
4.1	Letter of response from Department of Education.
4.2	Letter of response from The Public Health Agency.

**PERMANENT SECRETARY**  
**Derek Baker**



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5 March 2020

Dear Jim

Thank you for your letter of 25 February, requesting a joint meeting to discuss Belfast Youth Forum's "Any Use?" Relationships and Sexuality Education campaign and its "Elephant in the Room" Mental Health campaign.

I would be happy to meet to discuss these important issues. My secretary will contact your office to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D A Baker". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

**DEREK BAKER**

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16 March 2020

Dear Mr Hanna,

### **Belfast Youth Forum**

I refer to your letter of the 25 February regarding the Belfast Youth Forum and seeking a nominee from the PHA.

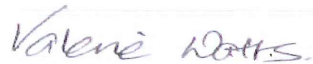
I wonder can you provide clarity why you are seeking a nomination from the PHA to address the reports referenced in your letter. The PHA has already met with the Belfast Youth Forum regarding their reports and unfortunately the issues the young people wanted to campaign for were outside the remit of the PHA.

The areas the Youth Forum wanted to promote were around better access to Trust services in terms of addictions, trauma, children in crisis, Emergency Department and CAMHS, etc. None of the issues fall within PHA's duty or control and the fact the PHA was unable to answer or address their issues led to the young people feeling they weren't being listened or PHA was trying to avoid the issues. The situation became very tense and has done potential reputational damage to the PHA and the risk of further alienation of the young people. The Youth Forum did not want to focus on the prevention and early intervention services that fall within the remit of the PHA and nor did they fully appreciate the wider context that Health and Social Care is set in.

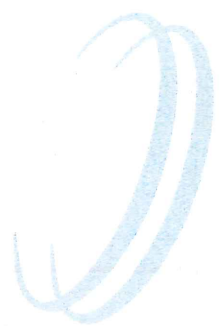
Could you provide clarity in terms of the purpose of the meeting (TOR if available), agenda, who else has been invited and expectations from the PHA if someone were to be invited?

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



Valerie Watts  
**Interim Chief Executive**







Subject:	Belfast Youth Forum Special Committee meeting
Date:	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Reporting Officer:	Cate Taggart, Neighbourhood Service Manager, East Belfast
Contact Officer:	Grainne O'Hare, Community Development Officer,

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide an agenda for the meeting between the Belfast Youth Forum (BYF) and P&C Committee which takes place on 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2020.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	There are no recommendations contained within this report. Members are asked to note the agenda items prior to the meeting.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Meeting Agenda</u>
3.1	<b>Youth Forum Campaigns</b>

3.2

BYF members are currently working on the following campaigns:

- **Relationship & sexual health education** (Any Use? Campaign);
- **Racism and diversity** project;
- **Mental Health** (Elephant in the Room campaign);

**Item 1: Introductions and purpose of meeting**

**Item 2: ‘Any Use’ Relationship & Sexuality Education (RSE) campaign** **Shántana Mc Cullough**

BYF will discuss report findings and recommendations with Members as well as potential replication of the research in other parts on Northern Ireland and possible future presentation to Education Committee in Stormont.

**Item 3: Diversity project** **Harry Booker**

BYF will update members on the most recent progress of this project.

**Item 4: ‘Elephant in the Room’ (EITR) mental health campaign** **John Jo Mc Grady**

BYF will update members on the most recent progress of this campaign including the presentation to the Executive Working Group on Mental Wellbeing, Resilience and Suicide Prevention, as well as the production of the ‘Heads Up’ mental health toolkit designed in partnership with NIYF and NICCY, to help and support young people to take action and campaign on local mental health issues.

**Item 5: Sister City Podcast** **Carter Wickham**

BYF will update members on a podcast project they are creating with young people from the Mayors Youth Council in Nashville.

**Item 7: BYF Recruitment**

Members are asked to note that at the last joint Youth Forum / People and Communities meeting in January 2020, Members agreed to amend for the BYF recruitment process to begin in September and end in October in line with the academic year. The previous timeframe was during April and May which conflicted with the exam season for BYF members.

Members are also asked to note that at the People and Communities meeting in August 2020, members agreed to extend the current cohort of members’ term for 1 year. This was due to the impact of Covid-19 and the limitations the environment presented for positive active engagement with young people, schools and service providers during this time.

The next recruitment time line will now be as follows:

July 2021-September 2021	Engage with youth providers across Belfast regarding upcoming recruitment
September 2021	Expressions of Interest forms distributed
Sep / Oct 2021	Youth Forum information session
Oct 2021	Young people invited to attend for interview – 40 young people recruited
Late Oct 2021	Induction night for young people and their families

	<p>In response to Member’s recommendations at People and Communities Committee in August 2020, any current vacant places within the BYF, now or within the next 12 months, will be filled with the intention of using targeted recruitment to address any gaps in relation to communities which are currently underrepresented in the Forum. Communication will be made with Elected Members, youth providers, statutory agencies and local communities in order to encourage young people residing in these areas to apply. Although targeted recruitment will be used to encourage young people who are currently underrepresented to apply, applications will be accepted from young people in all areas and communities within Belfast.</p> <p><b>Item 8: Any Other Business</b></p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial or resource implications.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations implications. No rural needs assessment is needed.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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