



Subject:	Youth Services - Cross Party meeting with Education Authority
Date:	8 May 2018
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Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of the report is to consider a request for an All Party Group to meet with the Chief Executive of the Education Authority and senior officials.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider seeking a cross party meeting with the Education Authority.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> In April 2017 an All Party Delegation met with Mr Gavin Boyd, Chief Executive of the Education Authority, and senior officials from the Youth Service in response to a Notion of

	Motion which outlined Council concerns for proposed cuts in the Youth Service in Belfast and the related impact on local youth organisations.
3.2	At the meeting in April, elected Members outlined issues in relation to any reduction in youth service provision particularly the impact on marginalised and disadvantaged areas of the city. They also noted the ongoing challenges in respect of issues such as suicide, mental health and educational attainment and the need for improved communication between the Youth Service and Council.
3.3	Since the meeting, officers have been meeting with officials from Youth Service on a more regularised basis, which is improving collaborative service provision.
3.4	In the Living Here ambition of the Belfast Agenda, council and our community planning partners, have outlined a number of priorities in relation to children and young people including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the design and delivery of a fully integrated approach to early intervention, early years support and family programmes, and ▪ supporting children and young people to fulfil their potential.
3.5	The People and Communities committee plan includes a priority to <i>‘develop and deliver an integrated children and young people framework and programme of work’</i> .
3.6	Given this focus, and the important and vital contribution of youth services, Committee may wish to seek a further meeting with the Education Authority in order to discuss youth provision in the city.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.7	There are no financial or resource implications to this report.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.8	There are no Equality Implications to this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None