



**Limavady Locality Planning meeting
Thursday 28th August 2014
10.00am Dry Arch Centre**

Attending: Ursula Coll
Damien Mc Kinney
Ian Mc Gregor
Bridgeen Irwin
Aileen Lynch
Bronagh Donnelly

Limavady Borough Council
Dry Arch Centre
PSNI
Early Years
WELB
CYPSP

Apologies: Mark mc Chrystal
Sean Barr
Valerie Richmond
Jennifer Hudson

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Welcome and Introduction:

Bronagh welcomed everyone to the meeting and carried out a round of introductions

Matters Arising:

Western Outcomes Group:

Bronagh gave an update from the Western Outcomes group. She informed the group of the EITP – Early Intervention Transformation Programme and gave a synopsis of the presentation given by Amanda Mc Lean, the group welcomed the EITP and are keen to meet with Amanda to discuss the needs in Limavady and to get further information on how the project will be rolled out in the district and how the transformational piece will look like in practice. Bronagh agreed to email the presentation to all members so that they could have a more in-depth read of the presentation.

Bronagh also informed members that the Western outcomes group membership applications was currently out for new members and advised members to have a read of the papers and if there were interested in applying to submit their expression of interest as soon as possible. Bronagh also informed the group of the 3 successful applicants who received money from the western outcomes group over the summer period to pilot projects that were aligned to the Western Outcomes Groups priorities they were:

Strengthening Families – Derry Healthy Cities

Mentoring Programme – Dry Arch Children's Centre, Dungiven

Speech & Language Therapist – Trust Employee/ Speech & Language
Communication Family Support Worker – Arc Healthy Living Centre,
Irvinestown

Council update:

Ursula gave an update on the developments of the new council structure, she informed the group that neighbourhood renewal will be finishing in March but will be replaced by a new tackling deprivation project, she will inform the group at the next meeting of developments re new projects and distribution of money following meeting today by council official's and DSD.

PSNI update:

Ian gave an update on the changes that have happened within the police force and how this might impact locally. PSNI policing the public is a new 3 tiered structure, tier 1 will be response, tier 2 will be made up of an investigative team and the third tier will be neighbourhood policing. Tier 1 has seen a reduction in personnel while the others have seen an increase. The PSNI are facing a large deficit and have introduced the new structure as a means of cutting costs. Locally there will be NO response cars stationed in Limavady area and there is no custody cells located in Limavady. Response will come from Derry and the custody cell is now located in Strabane. The group expressed their concern about the lack of presence in the Limavady area and Ian has stated that there concerns have been expressed by others and feedback through numerous consultations.

Ian also informed the group that a meeting was also taking place to discuss the future of the vacant PSNI premises in Dungiven and hopes to have an update by the next LPG meeting.

Youth Mentoring update:

Dry Arch Centre was successful in tendering for a small pot of funding from the Western Outcomes Group to pilot a youth mentoring project in the Limavady area, Damien updated that interviews have now taken place and an appointment is imminent, Damien informed the members that part of his current role is also youth mentoring and he will work closely with the appointment which will be one full time worker based at the Dry Arch Centre and will look at issues including young teenagers and mental health and lack of male role models in young people's lives and the lack of communication and engagement in many family homes

Hub Update:

Damien gave an update on the hub progress and the needs arising from the hub and the referrals its receiving, the issue of poverty is further emphasised at this period with children going back to school and the expense associated with it. Bronagh informed the group that Helen Dunne is now in place as regional co-ordinator for family support hubs. Currently there is discussion around a communication strategy between the hubs and locality planning, this would be for hubs to feed into locality planning where they are finding the need, whether that is in gaps in service provision or strain on existing services

AOB:

Bronagh informed the group that there is the possibility of early years for re-establishing itself and feeding into the locality planning groups but no decision has been made it date. Bronagh will keep group updated

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd November 2014 at 10am Dry Arch Centre, Dungiven