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Committee: Strategic Growth Partnership
Date: 24 May 2018
Agenda Item: Carnegie Trust Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to brief the Strategic Growth Partnership on the submission of two 'Expression of Interest' forms for Phase 1 of the selection process to participate in the Carnegie UK Trust 'Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland' project.
- 1.2 It is recommended that the Partnership support this initiative and the Expression of Interests as attached as appendix one and two.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Carnegie UK Trust is an independent charitable trust who seek to improve the lives and wellbeing of people throughout the UK, particularly those experiencing disadvantage, by influencing public policy and establishing innovative practices and partnerships.
- 2.2 The Carnegie Trust are seeking Expressions of Interest for their 'Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland' project. The Trust is offering to provide effective and tailored support, including significant financial (£350,000) and other in-kind support to up to three Community Planning Partnerships over a three year period to implement a local wellbeing outcomes approach in the implementation of their Community Plans.

- 2.3 A peer-to-peer support model will be developed to allow Community Planning Partnerships to learn from each other and that of international best practice in addressing similar challenges. The Community Planning Partnerships will come together at least three times over the duration of the programme to share their experiences in implementing their Community Plan, and to allow this learning to be captured for other Community Planning Partnerships in Northern Ireland.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The invitation to submit an expression of interest was issued on the 09th April 2018 with a deadline of 30th April 2018. Council officers have developed and submitted an Expression of Interest on behalf of the Derry City and Strabane District Strategic Growth Partnership to take forward the implementation of the Strategic Growth Plan/Community Plan. Key priority areas of focus identified within this Expression of Interest include developing 'collaborative advantage' by building on the integrated and inclusive approach taken in the development of the Plan to date; a continued focus on skills to meet the skills requirement forecast within the Plan and the agreement of baseline measures, performance measure data, and best methods of data gathering to assist in the ongoing monitoring and evaluation the plan.
- 3.2 In addition to the submission of an Expression of Interest specifically focused on the implementation of the Partnership's Strategic Growth Plan we have also initiated a collaborative bid with partners in Causeways Coast and Glens; Fermanagh and Omagh District; and, Mid-Ulster Councils. This collaborative bid provides an opportunity to progress and resource a wellbeing framework based around the development of the Sperrins following the recent Future Search Conference and to develop its associated wellbeing initiatives. This initial expression of interest is also attached at appendix two for Members information.
- 3.3 The Carnegie advisory panel met on the 10th May to discuss the expression of interests received and consider next steps in the application process. The Partnerships will be kept duly informed of this process as it develops.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Partnership support the initiative to submit initial Expression of Interests (attached as appendix one and two) for Phase 1 of the selection process to participate in the Carnegie UK Trust Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland Project.

Background Papers

Appendices:

- I. Strategic Growth Partnership Expression of Interest for Phase 1 of Carnegie UK Trust Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland.
- II. Collaborative (DCSDC/Causeways Coast and Glens/Fermanagh and Omagh District/Mid-Ulster) Expression of Interest for Phase 1 of Carnegie UK Trust Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland.