

Report to Cork City Development Board

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Director

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I wish to bring the following items to the notice of the Board:

- a) **Cork City Council's ICT Plan for 2005:** a copy of the actions was circulated with the Agenda and the implementation of the Plan will commence on June 27th 2005. The theme of the Plan is "Connect Cork". A dedicated website will be developed in conjunction with the Plan. This can be accessed through www.corkcity.ie from end-June 2005.
- b) **Cork City Childcare Company Ltd.:** copies of the Annual Report 2004, the Guide "Refugee Children and Childcare" and the Schedule of Childcare Courses, Lectures and Seminars were circulated with the Agenda.
- c) **RAPID National Monitoring Committee:** responses regarding concerns raised on service integration and funding for the Knocknaheeny Family Centre to issues raised by the Cork City Monitoring Committee.
- d) **Staffing grant assistance for childcare projects:** correspondence from the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding the extension of staffing grant to end-2007. This gives a greater degree of certainty to these schemes in the medium-term.
- e) **Department of Health and Children:** Information on funding for projects within RAPID Areas of €120,000 per area. This is a total of €480,000 for Cork City.
- f) **RAPID Programme:** Two new schemes on traffic calming and playgrounds have been announced recently. These schemes will provide €66,000 and €45,000 respectively per RAPID Area. This is a total of €444,000 for Cork City.
- g) **Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Working Group:** the report of this Working Group will be launched in late July. An action plan on equality measures and awareness raising is currently being prepared.