

# Report to Cork City Development Board

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

- a) **Connect Cork - Cork City Council's ICT Plan for 2005**: a copy of the Business Event Brochure for September 20<sup>th</sup> is attached. Sponsorship in excess of €150,000 (cash and kind) has been raised to support the Programme of activities. Further details are on the website: [www.connectcork.ie](http://www.connectcork.ie). or tel. 1850 575757

This website was launched in late June and average daily visits have risen from 66 in July to 97 so far in September.

- b) **Cork City Childcare Company Ltd.**: copy of the Programme Summary Report is attached with Cork City data indicated between the "Xs".
- c) **Integrated Plan for Travellers**: Cork City Council have been asked to develop an action plan for the delivery of Traveller specific services in an integrated way. The approach used in the preparation of the City Development Board's Integrated Target Group Plan for Children 0-5 in Disadvantaged Urban Areas will be used as a template for the development of this plan.
- d) **Cork Networking Committee (CNC)**: this network of voluntary and statutory groups (including some City Development Board Members - Cork City Partnership, Cork City Council, Garda Síochána and Health Services Executive) aims to promote the integration and social inclusion of the immigrant community in Cork. Two events this week are the launch of the CNC website by the Lord Mayor of Cork in City Hall (14<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 pm) and a world cup soccer tournament in Sam Allen Sports Centre (Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September with reception in City Hall at 6.30pm same day) hosted by the Lord Mayor of Cork.
- e) **Inter-Agency Information Day**: an information day aimed at those people who have received/applied for leave to remain on the basis of having an Irish-born child took place in City Hall on 4 August. Over 200 people attended the day. Participating organisations included Cork City Childcare Company, Cork City Council, Dept of Education & Science, Dept of Social & Family Affairs, Fáilte Ireland, FAS, Garda Síochána, HSE, Local Employment Service and Threshold.