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UPDATE ON THE EVALUATION PLAN OF THE PEACE IV PROGRAMME

Evaluation Plan Update

The Evaluation Plan for the PEACE IV Programme was approved by the PMC at its meeting in November 2016 and was subsequently submitted to the EU Commission.

A procurement exercise was completed in March 2017 with the appointment of SJ Cartmin Consultancy who will complete the Implementation Evaluation. This evaluation is being conducted jointly with the INTERREG VA Programme. They will report in three stages with Interim Reports due in June 2017 and May 2018, a Final Report will be submitted in May 2019.

The Evaluation Steering Group (ESG) met in April 2017 to consider the draft terms of reference for two of the Impact Evaluations to be carried out under the Programme;

1. Children and Young People (14-24)
2. Children and Young People (0-24) / Shared Spaces and Services / Building Positive Relations.

The terms of reference will be used to commence a procurement exercise in May 2017 to appoint evaluators to undertake each of the Impact Evaluations, SEUPB hope to appoint evaluators during Q3 2017. Evaluators for the third Impact evaluation, (3). Shared Education will be appointed later this year.

The ESG will continue to meet to review the interim implementation evaluations and review progress in relation to the impact evaluations.

Recommendation

The Monitoring Committee is requested to;

- **Note** the progress that has made in implementing the Programme's Evaluation Plan.