

## **SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP**

**MONDAY 8th AUGUST, 2022**

### **MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Members present: Councillor O'Hara (Chairperson);  
Councillors McMullan and Verner.

External Members: Mrs. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Mr P. Anderson, Community & Voluntary Sector;  
Mr. J. Donnelly, Community & Voluntary Sector;  
Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;  
Superintendent Ford, PSNI;  
Mr A. Irvine, Faith Sector;  
Mr. M. McBride, Education Authority;  
Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Miss. G Duggan, Belfast City Centre Management;  
Ms. A. Tohill, Good Relations, TEO;  
Ms. T. Hogg, Blu Zebra; and  
Mr. C. Boylan, Locus Management.

In attendance: Ms. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager;  
Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE IV Programme Manager;  
Mr. S. Lavery, Programme Manager  
Ms. L. Dolan, Good Relations Officer,  
Ms. V. Smyth, Democratic Services Officer; and  
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf of Councillors Kyle, Carson, Hutchinson and Lyons, and Ms. A. M. White, Mr. S. Hamilton, Mr. A. Hannaway and Mr. W. Naeem.

#### **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed Andrew Irvine from the Methodist Church to his first meeting as the key representative from the Faith Sector.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 6th June 2022 were taken as read and signed as correct.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs. B. Arthurs declared an interest in item 2 (d), namely, Peace IV Updates – update on BPR theme, and item 3(a) Good Relations Updates – Funding Requests Update Paper at 3.3 and 3.7.

Ms. A. Tohill declared an interest in Peace IV update reports at items 2(a) to 2(d) as she sat on the SEUPB PEACE IV Steering Group Committee and that as the accountable Department, The Executive Office had committed funding towards the Peace IV Programme. She also declared a potential interest in the Peace Plus Action Plan updates

Ms. A. Roberts declared an interest in item 3(a) Good Relations Updates – Funding Requests Update Paper in relation to the East Belfast Strategic Intervention Programme given her role at East Belfast Community Development Association.

## **PEACE IV Updates**

### **Secretariat Update**

The PEACE IV Programme Manager provided the Members with an update in respect of the Secretariat activity associated with the implementation of the Peace IV Local Action Plan.

The Programme Manager drew the Members' attention to the thematic reports which outlined project implementation, activity, and modifications which would enable the achievement of targets to continue to progress. She further advised that a review of evidence and project closure reports for CYP2, CYP3 Personal Change and CYP4 was continuing with further clarifications / evidence sought from the delivery partners. The Members were asked to note that, in some instances, extended timeframes for closure beyond the normal 3-month period for projects would be required.

The Members were requested to note and confirm acceptance for the extended delivery timeframe agreed by SEUPB as follows:

SSS – extension from 31 December 2022 to 30 June 2023  
CYP – extension from 31 December 2022 to 31 March 2023  
BPR – extension from 31 December 2022 to 31 March 2023

The Members also noted that SEUPB had approved the reallocation of £12,995 of funding from external expertise to salary costs for CYP5. This would enable NIHE to extend project staff to December 2022, with NIHE providing 50% of the additional staff costs.

The Programme Officer explained that SEUPB had advised that revised Letters of Offer and amendments on eMS system would be progressed following the outcome of the Business Plan reduction to target numbers and transfer of funding between themes. These elements were being progressed, via written procedure, to the Accountable Departments and the SEUPB Steering Committee. The timeframe for approval by August 2022 had been outlined with SEUPB.

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The PEACE IV Programme Officer outlined a programme workplan which involved a showcase of all cultures which would participate in the Culture Café series and the launch of "Belonging to Belfast" PEACE IV publications (Appendices I & II) on diversity which took place at the Grand Culture Café on Friday 17th June 2022, 12-2pm at 2 Royal Avenue. Planning

for the distribution of the hard copy publications was underway. An electronic version would also be circulated to the Members.

She informed the Members that planning was now progressing for the International Day of Peace event, taking place on 21st September 2022 at the Hilton Hotel. The event would acknowledge the International Day of Peace 2022 theme of End Racism: Build Peace, celebrate the impact of PEACE IV to date (as it was originally intended to be a closure event), and also include a conversation discussion with Patrick Kielty focusing on reconciliation and peace building. Invitations would be extended to the Members once registration was opened. She further advised that costs for the delivery of the event had increased due to venue hire and catering costs, as such, the Members were requested to agree to uplift the planned contract by up to £5,205. This uplift was within the 10% threshold for uplifting contracts and would increase the value of the contract from £77,090 to £82,295.

As a gesture of the City's commitment to peace building, the Members were asked to agree to illuminate City Hall on 21st September 2022 to mark International Day of Peace. The colours of the illumination were being confirmed with the United Nations, although it was likely to be either blue or white.

The Members were informed that a newly established PEACE PLUS Partnership within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council was planning a shared learning visit to Belfast in September 2022 and would like to visit some Shared Spaces projects. A walking tour of the Forth Meadow Community Greenway and discussions on the project had been identified as potential good practice. As such the Members were being requested to agree for PEACE IV to accommodate a visit to the SSS Greenway project with representatives of the SCP involved in discussions.

As previously reported, claims totaling £7.1m had been submitted to SEUPB, with £5.6m reimbursed to date. The total outstanding claims value was now £1.4m, preliminary verification of outstanding Period 28 and 29 were currently being progressed by SEUPB.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and agree the following proposals:-

- To accept the thematic extension and budget modifications from SEUPB as follows:
  - SSS – extension from 31 December 2022 to 30 June 2023
  - CYP – extension from 31 December 2022 to 31 March 2023
  - BPR – extension from 31 December 2022 to 31 March 2023
  - CYP5 – the reallocation of £12,995 of funding from external expertise to salaries.
- To uplift the planned contract by up to £5,205 due to increased venue/catering costs.
- To illuminate City Hall in the United Nations colours on 21 September 2022 to mark International Day of Peace.
- To facilitate a visit to Forth Meadow Community Greenway by the Causeway Coast and Glens PEACE PLUS Partnership.

### **Children and Young People (CYP) Update**

The Partnership considered the undernoted report.

#### **“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues**

**To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the Children and Young People's (CYP) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.**

## 2.0 Recommendations

The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree:

CYP 1 – To realign 15 participants between lots, with Lot 1 (age 6-11) increasing by 15 participants and Lot 2 (age 12-16) reducing by 15 participants.

CYP 5 – To reclassify a total of 18 participants (12 from West Belfast 2, and 6 from East Belfast Networks) from core participants to peer participants.

## 3.0 Main report

### Project Updates

### 3.1 CYP 1 – TECH CONNECTS, GIGA Training (Afterschool’s and Digital Arts Academies: Tech Camps) (6-11, 12-16 yr. olds)

Members are requested to note a final request to agree to realign 15 participants from Lot 2 to Lot 1, which will increase the target for 6–11-year-olds to 494 and reduce the target for Lot 2 to 365. To accelerate implementation, this request has been approved by the Programme Board and agreed by SEUPB. It should be noted that both Lots are under the same work package and there *is* no change to the overall outputs and budgetary changes are minimal.

Summer sessions have been progressing with over 150 young people completing the programme week ending 4 July 2022. Blogs of completed works are available online and feedback is positive with friendships being established with both young people and parents.

With the Tech Connects project ending in September 2022, options on the reuse of the equipment were considered by the Programme Board, Appendix II Draft Equipment Reuse Process and Criteria refers. Members are requested to note and confirm agreement in principle of the revised criteria for allocation of the equipment and to progress discussions on the criteria and allocation approach with IGNITE IT and SEUPB.

Age Group	Target	YTD	(All contracts end September 22)
6-11 Year Olds:	494	361	133 Remaining
12-16 Year Olds:	365	239	126 Remaining
<b>Total</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>259 Remaining</b>

**CYP 1 – TECH CONNECTS, Belfast Metropolitan College (Digital Insights Programme) (17-24 yr. olds)**

To date the delivery agent has progressed with 6 cohorts and achieved 66 participants. Recruitment and delivery of sessions is progressing with two further cohorts of 12 to increase participant numbers to 78. Belfast Metropolitan College has submitted an updated implementation plan and has also given their assurance to fully deliver targets in the contract. Members are requested to note that programme delivery has been extended from May to September 2022, although there may be a requirement for a further extension to December 2022.

Total	78 from a target of 160	82 remaining (contract ends September 22)
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**3.2 CYP 2 – Playing our Part in the City**

Active Communities Network has submitted the final report and additional supporting evidence is to be submitted and confirmed before progressing to final payment. Members should note that project closure is likely to be finalised by the end of July 2022.

Total	610 young people from a target of 640 123 Parents from a target of 100	Progressing to Closure
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**3.3 CYP3 – On the Right Track – Sports and Personal Change elements**

The lead officer is currently progressing with cross border residential delivery and planning of joint sports sessions has recommenced. Delivery is being scheduled to take place July to October 2022 to increase the participants numbers.

Members are requested to note a modification considered by the Programme Board to permit individuals who are not linked to associated sports clubs to take part in the project. The current criteria states that participants must be registered with a sports club linked to a recognised sporting body. This approach will aid recruitment of participants and enable young people to participate in the project, complete a qualification and increase their confidence to join a local sports club in the future.

Members should also note that the business case for the reduction in targets has not yet been approved and will be submitted to the SEUPB steering committee and accountable departments for consideration. Council have progressed recruitment and have added additional resources to this project to support implementation.

Total	700 from a target of 1800	1100 remaining (contract ends December 22)
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### **Personal Change – Delivered by Extern**

Extern has submitted the final report and monitoring information. This will be subject to review by the Project and Programme Managers, before progressing to final payment and closure.

Total	42 from a target of 42	0 remaining – Progressing to Closure
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### **3.4 CYP 4 – Cooperation Ireland (Young Advocates)**

The delivery agent is currently compiling monitoring and evaluation data and supporting evidence to confirm achievement of targets. The young people are continuing promotional work on their campaign and will be attending the Ending the Harm conference at Stormont, so delivery agent would like to include some feedback from this to the final report. As such members are requested to note the extended timeframe for project closure to mid-August 22.

A detailed review will be conducted by the Thematic Manager and the Secretariat prior to the issue of final payment.

Total	81 from a target of 80	0 remaining – Progressing to closure
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### **3.5 CYP 5 – NIHE Local Area Network Partner Delivery**

NIHE has made significant steps in progressing the procurement required to deliver to the current participants and expected groups awaiting to commence activity in September. Members should note that a request to extend delivery of both NIHE projects for CYP and BPR, to December 2022 has now been approved by SEUPB.

Morrow attended and captured footage of a group of young people from the Foster Carers Associates receiving certificates, on completion of the Social Justice element of the project. Footage will be circulated on social media and is a positive result completed during this period.

CYP5 has a target of 6 CORE Local Area Networks. There are currently only 3 active CORE networks in North Belfast, South West Belfast, and Foster Care Associates.

Members are requested to consider a request submitted by NIHE to reclassify a total of 18 participants (12 from West Belfast 2 and 6 from East Belfast Networks) from core participants to peer participants, as they have completed between 26+ hours on the project.

The West Belfast 2 and East Belfast networks will no longer have an active CORE group, NIHE has exhausted all avenues of pairing partners and the focus of delivery will be on peer groups. As the

**SLA approach was not approved by SEUPB, the West Belfast 2 core network withdrew from the project.**

**As a result of this modification NIHE will have established 3 Local Networks.**

<b>Total</b>	<b>143 from a target of 900</b>	<b>757 remaining (Contract ends December 22)</b>
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### **3.6 Financial and Resource Implications**

**To date expenditure claims totalling £1.8m have been submitted to SEUPB for verification with £1.48m reimbursed. Claims for Periods 28-30 valued at £332K remain outstanding and yet to be verified by SEUPB.**

### **3.7 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment**

**The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015. The Equality Consultative Forum was further consulted on 18 Nov 2020.”**

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree:-

- CYP 1 – To realign 15 participants between lots, with Lot 1 (age 6-11) increasing by 15 participants and Lot 2 (age 12-16) reducing by 15 participants.
- CYP 5 – To reclassify a total of 18 participants (12 from West Belfast 2, and 6 from East Belfast Networks) from core participants to peer participants.

### **Shared Spaces and Services (SSS) Update**

The Peace IV Programme Manager provided an update on the progress report in respect of the Shared Spaces and Services (SSS) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan. The Members were advised that both the capital and programming elements of the Shared Space and Services theme were continuing and drew the Members’ attention to the risks associated with delivery which had been highlighted in an attached appendix to the agenda.

The Members were advised that SEUPB had reviewed the Business Case and approved the extension to the Letter of Offer, for the Shared Spaces Theme to June 2023. The request to realign targets, budgets and the movement of monies between themes was currently being considered by the Accountable Departments and the SEUPB Steering Committee.

The Peace IV Programme Manager referred specifically to the Capital Work at the Forth Meadow Community Greenway.

In relation to Springfield Dam, The Asset Management Group met in June 2022 and advised that the bridge naming process should commence and follow the same naming process as Divis Back Path. The SSS Project Manager would lead the process, with support from other Council Officers with relevant experience in similar naming processes.

**PEACE IV Network Scheme – Capital Works:** The Members were advised that a planning application for Section 2 was resubmitted and agreed at the Planning Committee meeting on 27 June. A start on site in Section 2 was targeted for September 2022.

Completion of works was delayed in Section 3 due to supply issues with surfacing materials and co-ordination around the Féile Festival in August would further delay completion by several weeks, which was now targeted for late September 2022.

The Members were advised that works on Section 4 had been split into 3 phases:-

- Phase 1 (Milltown Row) - works were ongoing and awaiting NIE connection before surfacing could be completed.
- Phase 2 (Ulster Wildlife / St Galls GAA) - design was currently being finalised following further site investigation works.
- Phase 3 (St James' City Farm) - started site set up 20 June 2022 and would be on site until September 2022.

The PEACE IV Programme Manager advised the Members that an exercise was ongoing to collate information on all the gates along the route of Forth Meadow Community Greenway, liaising with Council's City and Neighbourhood Services, to confirm current and proposed opening and closing arrangements and to determine legal agreements.

The Members were informed that the signage design was almost complete for Section 1. All wording on signage, in line with Council's current language policy, was to be considered by the North and West Area Working Groups, with a further report then to be presented to the Shared City Partnership. In relation to branding, in line with recommendations from equality reviews, McCadden had been instructed to update branding documents to reflect diversity in terms of ethnic minorities and those with a disability.

The Peace IV Programme Manager advised that the artist had been facilitating public engagement events and had met with community representatives and local primary schools, facilitated drop-in sessions in Springfield Park and walk-about in Glencairn and Falls Park. The local communities had provided input into the final design of the art pieces, including the back-pack design on the flagship piece and the feature images on the floor art details of which were illustrated in appendices attached to the agenda. Planning applications for the pieces of artwork had been submitted in June 2022.

### **Programming**

- Implementation of the programming aspects were progressing.

### **Shared History, Heritage and Identity Content / Narratives for Shared Space**

<b>Deliverable targets</b>	<b>Targets achieved</b>
300 individuals	224 recruited

A Family Fun-day / Celebration event took place on 23 July 2022 in Springfield Park, involving the school children and their families and participants from the discussion groups. The event was attended by the Lord Mayor and Councillor Verner, who represented the Shared City Partnership. Attendance was lower than expected due to bad weather.

Mediation NI was reengaging with the groups who contributed to the drafting of narratives for Sections 1, 2 and 3, to confirm the content for a final anthology of stories and to encourage final participation in the celebration event.

The Members' attention was drawn to the narratives for Sections 4 and 5, which were being finalised and would be submitted to PEACE IV and Council for review and approval.

### Shared Space Volunteer Training

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
<i>Sustrans</i>	
30 volunteers (15 Walk & 15 Cycle Leads)	27 recruited across 3 groups
<i>Volunteer Now Enterprise</i>	
15 volunteers (Local Ambassadors)	8 recruited
<i>The Conservation Volunteers</i>	
15 volunteers (Nature Guides)	8 recruited

The Members were advised that the Conservation Volunteers' (TCV) had completed the training of 8 Volunteer Nature Guides with a final training session in Springfield Dam in June 2022. The emphasis of the project now, was on helping the volunteers gain the confidence to lead on guided sessions / walks. The project continued to recruit participants from interested individuals for delivery of a 2nd cohort of volunteers.

With 8 Shared Space Ambassador volunteers having completed their training, Volunteer Now had been getting them involved with the supported events and activities taking place along FMCG. They also continued to recruit participants from interested individuals in order to achieve their targets.

With all three project leads (Sustrans, Volunteer Now and The Conservation Volunteers) having now fully trained volunteers, they were exploring how to keep the volunteers engaged and involved with FMCG. Discussions had been taking place, involving all three projects and PEACE IV, to look at developing and coordinating a dedicated FMCG Volunteer Team. A meeting of all the volunteers planned in Springfield Dam at the end of June 2022, had to be cancelled due to COVID and was rescheduled for 4th August 2022.

- **Governance / Management Model**

The Members were advised that a final workshop with community stakeholders on the proposed model options had been facilitated in the Spectrum Centre on 23rd June 2022. The delivery partner, Viatac, had also presented the options and discussed resource requirements with the Programme Board Members and Senior Managers on Thursday 30 June 2022. Immediate issues that needed to be agreed and addressed, in relation to the Governance Model, were highlighted as coordination team role(s), a joint steering group, overall maintenance and developing a "public face". It was agreed, in principle, that further discussions to agree the required coordination roles and resources were necessary, on receipt of the final report. Viatac Limited had submitted a final report on 25th July 2022, which officers were currently reviewing and would also be considered by the PEACE IV Programme Board and reported to the Members next month.

Following approval for the procurement of a suitable contractor to further develop the governance model options, procurement documents had been drafted and forwarded to SEUPB for review and approval.

- **Youth Engagement and Civic Education**

<b>Deliverable targets</b>	<b>Targets achieved</b>
400 young people	Commitment from approx. 120+ young people.  43 young people registered from Nubia / Blackmountain.

The project hosted an informal project launch event in their offices on Wednesday 15th June, with young people from Nubia, Blackmountain and Glencairn attending. Youth Link had submitted registrations for young people from Nubia and Blackmountain and anticipated the receipt of registrations for young people from Forthspring, Glencairn/Ligoniel, Glencairn/Hammer, Blackmountain, Willowbank and Charter NI.

The Members were requested to note that a project modification request for activity to extend to December 2022; a limited element of working on an individual group basis before moving to cross community activities; and the involvement of local schools was considered by the Programme Board and agreed by SEUPB.

- **SSS Activities and Animation Programme**

<b>Deliverable targets</b>	<b>Targets achieved</b>
20 cross community activities/events, (to an audience of a minimum of 1200 attendees)	11 cross community activities / events to an audience of approximately 1000+ people
- 4 Public spectacle events (150 people at each) – 2 in Springfield Park	- “Luminate” event in Springfield Park – approximately 1500 people - “Swamp Festival” in Bog Meadows – approximately 1700 people - “Colour Festival” in Woodvale Park – approximately 1,000+ people
- 6 Medium sized creative animation activities / events (50-100 people at each).	- “River Clean event” – approx. 100 people - Colour Run events in Falls and Glencairn Park – approximately 500 people
- 10 small community focused activities / events (30 to 50 people at each)	- “Sunflower Festival” – approx. 50 people - Foraging Walk and Big Potato Harvest in Bog Meadows – approximately 100 people

Following two successful and well attended Colour Run events in early June, in Falls and Glencairn Parks, a larger Colour festival was held in Woodvale Park on 18th June. Approximately 2000 people attended and participated in these fun family events.

The Members were requested to note the scheduled events / activities for August, included:

- [Woodvale to Paisley Park Foraging](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/woodvale-to-paisley-park-foraging-tickets-365642726237) - Saturday, 13th August 2022 12:00
- Wellness on the Greenway - Springfield Dam – Tuesday, 23rd August 2022 11:00 – 15:00  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forth-meadow-wellness-day-tickets-353736945727>

- [Movies at the Dam](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/movies-at-the-dam-tickets-365647791387) - Thursday, 25th August 2022 18:00
- Wellness on the Greenway - Woodvale Park – Friday, 26th August 11:00 – 15:00 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forth-meadow-wellness-day-tickets-353752050907>

The project was finalising small and medium events / activities for September and October, with a fourth large scale public event in Springfield Park planned for the end of October.

- **Resource Allocation**

The call for applications to support local community led activities / events across Section 1 and Section 3 opened on 29th June 2022. An information session was held in the building in Springfield Dam Park, on Friday 8th July 2022, 10:00am to 2:00pm, where interested groups / organisations were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss their application idea(s). The call closed on Friday 29th July 2022 at 12:00 noon with nil applications and feedback was being sought to determine the next steps.

- **SEUPB Evaluation**

As Members were aware, the SSS project had been subject to a longitudinal evaluation by SEUPB appointed consultants, RSM Consultancy, who were conducting an impact evaluation of projects that had been supported by the PEACE IV Programme and Forth Meadow Community Greenway which was selected as one of their case studies.

RSM had been reviewing SSS monitoring data and interviewing key stakeholders, they would also be facilitating an update meeting with Officers on 15th August 2022 to discuss the impact evaluation of the Forth Meadow Community Greenway to date. The Members noted that the SSS project had been highlighted by SEUPB as a model of good practice and had requested representatives from Council to present on the impact of the project at a shared space learning event in October 2022.

The Members noted that total expenditure to date for the SSS theme was £2.37m, with reimbursement of £1.82m (up to Period 28). Outstanding claims for Period 29-30 valued at £541K are awaiting verification by SEUPB.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report, related appendices and:

- With the commencing of the Bridge Naming in Springfield Park, there should be support from other Council Officers with relevant experience in similar naming processes.
- The next steps for the development of the Governance Model to include Senior Managers to meet to discuss and agree the required coordination roles and resources, on receipt of final report.

### **Building Positive Relations (BPR) Update**

The Partnership considered the undernoted report.

## **“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues**

To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the Building Positive Relations (BPR) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree:

BPR6 St Comgalls - in principle a further extension by 1-2 months, subject to confirmation from the delivery partner.

## **3.0 Main report**

### **Key Issues**

Each project is at various stages of delivery with activity continuing. Covid 19 impacts continue to affect participation and retention levels due to ongoing sickness / isolation periods. The status and risk associated with projects is outlined in Appendix I BPR-RAG Report.

## **3.1 BPR1 – Cross Community Area Networks (CCAN)**

The figures remain positive with increases in participants to 114/144 and 354/900 peer participants across the CCAN's.

Members are asked to note a request from NIHE to utilise the Technical Assistance funds, which is within the existing contract terms. NIHE has advised they will be utilising this additional resource to support CCAN activities.

The approved approach of residentials to condense delivery and deliver within Northern Ireland will be utilised by West Belfast 1 CCAN, this approach was previously approved by members and SEUPB.

CCAN showcase event, with all networks in attendance, is planned for Good Relations week in September 2022 with further details to be confirmed.

## **3.2 BPR2 – Creative Communities Project**

Delivery of activity with established Creative Clusters continues, although activity has been slower over July 2022.

Members are requested to note that extended delivery to December 2022, as indicated in the overall Peace IV business plan, has been approved by SEUPB. This ensures the project and clusters can continue activity up to December 2022. The request

for a reduction in targets requires SEUPB Steering Group approval.

The Football cluster have increased engagement hours and scheduled more activity across the two groups. The East Belfast Radius cluster closure event has been rescheduled to September and will culminate in an unveiling of the completed artwork and signify the completion of this project. The East Belfast cluster targets indicate that both the required participant numbers and hours of engagement will be achieved.

The Carlisle group have met on two separate occasions and through facilitated sessions have agreed to move forward, although further resources to maintain momentum are required. The provision of additional facilitation through TCAH will aid in building cohesion and in finalising an agreed concept and way forward.

The remaining clusters have paused over the July period and further updates are due early August.

The new project support officer will start in August, a robust induction plan has been established. TCAH has committed additional resources to procure a facilitator to help drive the project forward, a scoping exercise to identify potential suppliers has been completed. The draft quotation request is pending submission from TCAH.

Participant numbers have improved with 133/264 registrations now submitted.

### **3.3 BPR3 – Transform for Change Project**

#### **Transformative Leadership Programme**

The Transform for Change project delivery is continuing, whilst the training course delivery has completed other elements remain active and will continue to September 2022. The completion of study/best practice visits, action plan development and the approval of Resource Allocation agreements, to progress projects, are still underway.

SEUPB has approved the extension to allow delivery and completion of all remaining TfC elements to September 2022.

Progressing artworks as part of the Black Gates project at Suffolk has had a positive outcome, indications are that Suffolk Community Forum may be willing to sign the Resource Allocation Agreement. A meeting to progress the artist and activities is scheduled.

The Cultural Picnic in the Park based at Ligoniel, organised as part of a North Belfast action plan project, is now complete with 140 people attending. The reach across the local communities

attending included engagement with Ligoniel Improvement Association, All Nation Ministries, Family Comfort, Diverse Youth, Indian Community Association, North Belfast and South Belfast Friendship Clubs, the event was successful in attracting a diverse mix of cultures, ages and communities in North Belfast.

Further action plans currently being progressed for approval include:

- North Belfast – a combined project comprising of 3 elements; a cultural dance event celebrating diversity, a storytelling element representing the LGBTQ communities, and a walking tour highlighting key cultural points across the North of the city.
- North Belfast Conversations project focusing on interviewing local people across communities with an intergenerational approach to capture how people feel about their local area/city.
- South Belfast – project comprising of a celebration of diversity event to take part in Ormeau Park. The project centres on cultural dance and festivities showcased by the local minority ethnic groups. The aim is to build cohesion and represent diversity across local communities in South Belfast.
- West Belfast - the development of action plans is still ongoing with 2 further action plans presented in draft format, requiring further support and review for progression.

Two study visits are now complete and planning for the remaining two visits is progressing. The Coleraine study visit was cancelled and is rescheduled for September 2022. The residential element of the TfC wider delivery element for council, is proposed for Donegal later in September 2022.

Members are requested to note that the final networking and project closure event took place on the 27th June, the event went well with participant interviews calling it a resounding success. The event's key points were captured by an artist as part of the evaluation, please refer to Appendix II BPR TfC Visual which represents the comments reflected and imagery then captured.

As closure progresses for elements of the NICVA delivery, in particular the Transformative Leadership Programme, the figures to date show 43/45 required courses have been achieved. Participant numbers indicate that over 600 have completed from a target figure of 944, although in-depth verification is pending.

#### **3.4 BPR4 – Belfast and the World (BATW)**

Project activity completed in April and final monitoring data is under review and early indications show 170 participants have completed the programme achieving 26 hours of engagement.

The final report has been submitted although further evidence / monitoring information is to be submitted and reviewed before final payment can be progressed.

As previously noted, approvals regarding a suitable approach for facilitation for residential and study visits was confirmed by SEUPB. Members are requested to note approval from SEUPB for a Single Tender Action requesting Corrymeela to facilitate the BATW residential and study visits.

The Project Support Officer has coordinated cross border residential for August, in Dublin and Cork, a full itinerary has been completed for both events with 20 participants registered for each residential. Corrymeela is hosting the first pre-engagement session to debrief participants on the 27 July 2022.

### **3.5 BPR5 – Supporting Connected Communities - LINCS Project**

The LINCS Inclusion Forum took place in June with representation from NIHE, Bryson, Belfast City of Sanctuary, and other key stakeholders. Attendees discussed future progression of the Forum approach with consensus to maintain the established network as well as opportunities under the Peace Plus Programme.

The leadership programme continues with guest speakers scheduled throughout August. The numbers remain as previously reported 70/96 participants with 96 hours of engagement completed.

The final event for LINCS, to signify completion of the project, is proposed for 16 September 2022 to be held at CS Lewis Square, the invite and itinerary are to be finalised and will be distributed in due course.

### **3.6 BPR5 – Traveller Project - Supporting Connected Communities**

Delivery of Health and Wellbeing and Empowering Young Women workshop programme is continuing. The Falls Women's Centre plan to collate workshop information for their showcasing exhibition, capturing workshop outcomes to present in a booklet format, the exhibition is proposed for late August.

Following a procurement exercise, the Health & Wellbeing workshop programme was awarded to the Heart Project and project initiation has been completed.

As previously reported, the concept of a produce garden workshop received nil submissions. Members are requested to note that a further concept focusing on Parallel Lives workshop programme and exhibition was developed and presented to SEUPB for consideration and subsequently approved. The Workshops will discuss similarities and contrasts between settled

and Traveller communities throughout key points of their shared history and will be delivered through a condensed approach.

The Traveller Project targets includes delivery of 2 festivals and 4 community events, to date 2 community events have been delivered with a further community event scheduled for late August. The current Empowering Young Women workshop has 13 participants registered, 8 from the traveller community and 5 from the settled community. The health and wellbeing workshop has started, initial figures indicate at least 10 participants.

The final festival event will combine as a closure event and a provisional date is held in City Hall for the 27th September. It is envisaged this will include a showcasing event highlighting all the exhibitions completed to date.

### **3.7 BPR5 – Roma Project - Supporting Connected Communities**

Delivery of the Roma project continues with the Hub still engaging with both drop in and returning participants. The provision of advice services remains ongoing.

The advocacy training, awarded to Gems by Forward South Partnership, has not achieved the required level of participation with 4 out of 10 participants completing the training. Forward South Partnership (FSP) has been asked to consider an alternative approach to address the under delivery and implications to payments have been advised.

The Advice Training Course has now moved to self-directed learning and FSP is to provide evidence / information on how engagement hours are being captured.

Participant numbers in the English language-conversational classes remain positive with 24 registrations received across East and South Belfast. Classes are paused over July and a new venue is being sourced for the South Belfast group.

Targets met to date include intercultural events 3 of 4 complete, and the holding of the Police Commissioners meeting with report 1 of 2 completed. English language class with 12 participants required across two groups, current numbers remain at 24. Hub remains active with advice information being captured through Advice Pro system.

### **3.8 BPR6 – St. Comgalls**

Project delivery in ongoing with thematic networking events and seminars taking place during July on themes of - Shared Space: Making it Work, Community Tourism: A Belfast View, and A Sporting History of the Area.

Copius has produced draft exhibition material, Oral Histories, for the exhibition in the St Comgall's centre. Members are asked to

note that 50% are transcribed Duchas oral histories and 50% newly gathered testimonies, which were guided by the Oral History Steering Group and are cross community in background. The Oral Histories are currently being reviewed by officers. The resources will be made available in the St Comgall's building via tech stations. Further assurances of equality/ quality/ plain English checks are currently being secured from Copius.

Members are reminded that delegated authority was agreed in March 2022 to the PIV Programme Board to consider and approve the materials with a further report coming to the SCP in due course.

Members should also note that the contract is due to end on 31 August 2022, however given the volume of work that is ongoing, and approvals required, officers are discussing with Copius whether a further extension will be required in order to complete activity. Members are requested to note and agree in principle a further extension by 1-2 months, subject to confirmation from the delivery partner.

### **3.9 Cinematography Project**

Morrow Communications continues to film the Belfast Peace Journey activity, as and when suitable opportunities arise, with contract due to end in October 2022.

During July, filming for CYP5 Foster Carer's Association certificate ceremony, SSS Interpretive Panels family treasure hunt event and Traveller Circus fun day event took place with clips in production. Filming is being planned for later summer for the Roma, BPR1 and SSS projects.

The latest short story, for BPR3 Transform for Change, was screened at the project closure in June, celebrating the participants journey and highlighting the project's impacts. Planning for the Thematic overview clips is underway, for BPR/CYP to be produced for the Celebrating the Impacts of Peace event on 21 September.

Council Comms is exploring further promotion of the short story films to members and internally to BCC staff, via Interlink. The short stories have now retrospectively been subtitled by BCC Comms which will mean they can be used on Interlink.

Options are being explored to further publicise the On the Right Track Sports project. The new project officer is exploring how the BCC Leisure Comms Business Partner can provide support in marketing/ communications.

### **3.10 Financial and Resource Implications**

The financial position for the BPR theme, is a total spend of approx. £2.95m. SEUPB has progressed payment of BCC claims

up to Period 28, which brings the total reimbursed to date as £2.2m. The verification of NIHE claims for Period 28 valued at £40K remains outstanding together with Claims for Period 29-30, with a cumulative value of outstanding claims of £585K.

### **3.11 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment**

**The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015. The Equality Consultative Forum was further consulted on 18 November 2020.”**

The Members were advised that the BPR6 Delivery Partner advised that an extension to the end of November 2022 was necessary to complete project delivery.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree BPR6 St Comgall's, in principle, a further extension to November 2022 as confirmed with the delivery partner.

### **Good Relations Updates**

#### **Good Relations Funding Requests Update Paper**

The Good Relations Officer informed the Partnership of further project proposals that had been developed as part of the Good Relations Action Plan within the BCC7 Interface Projects and BCC9 Strategic Intervention Programmes.

The Members were reminded that, at the June meeting, £31,433 had been awarded to 6 projects under the Good Relations Action Plan's BCC7: Interfaces Programme. There was a total budget of £70,000 in this programme. In addition, the Members noted the allocation of resources under the Strategic Intervention Programme (BCC9) in the Quarter 1 update. £12,000 was allocated to the 4 geographical areas of the City (total - £48,000).

The Good Relations Officer advised that since the June meeting of the Partnership, officers had been continuing to engage with groups to develop suitable projects that would have significant Good Relations outcomes within the parameters of the Council's agreed Good Relations Action Plan. The following projects had been worked up with local groups and organisations for planned delivery over the coming months.

- **TASCIT/NBIN Programme (BCC7)**

This project seeks to increase the levels of interactivity within and between communities in the Ardoyne/Upper Ardoyne, Woodvale and Twaddell areas. The project is a three-staged incremental engagement, confidence and capacity building programme.

- Stage 1 providing opportunities for people to share space socially with those outside of their own particular community background.
- Stage 2 provides workshops for people to engage collectively in semi structured activity on issue based and topical information workshops.
- Stage 3 involves engaging in structured programme activity which will include a residential and a 9-week Challenging Conversations programme.

The project meets three of the TBUC priority areas; Our Shared Community, Our Safer Community and Our Cultural Expression, and ties in with the BCC Good Relations Strategy.

Given TASCIT and NBIN's record of performance, this provides a significant opportunity to invest in promoting Good Relations in North Belfast.

- **East Belfast Enterprises Engagement Programme (BCC7)**

This project would work with Short Strand Partnership, Ballymac Friendship Centre, East Belfast Mission/Hosford House, McArthur Nursery School, residents of Fold Housing, African and Caribbean Chamber of Commerce NI, European Partners, Flourish NI, Ashfield Boys and Girls Schools, Churches (all denominations), Orchardville Society (including people with disabilities), Glentoran FC, Street Soccer NI, local businesses and politicians.

The project seeks to involve and include all of these groups in a series of engagement workshops and discussions on diversity, heritage and community. This would lead to the creation of a mural which would be erected on the City East Building, which straddles the interface between the Short Strand and the Lower Newtownards Road areas, representing the diversity and heritage of the local community. The proposed allocation of £15,000 would be part of a larger fund of roughly £60,000 for this project, with the Community Relations Council, National Lottery Heritage Fund and Belfast City Airport, also contributing to the project. The Members were advised that Council would approve any images and East Belfast Enterprises would be responsible for ensuring agreement of building owners plus ongoing maintenance and whole life costs, which was standard with such projects.

- **Strategic intervention Programme: (BCC9) 3 Projects within East Belfast**

- Project 1: Enhancing Community Connections through Informal Community Conversations and English language practicing.**

This proposal, delivered by East Belfast Alternatives, aims to build on the successful work carried out last year to enhance contact between communities and support integration by providing buddying up conversation opportunities. The project would provide local opportunities for new and host communities to meet and would build the confidence of new communities in communicating in English. Further, it would enhance opportunities for host communities to meet and learn from their new neighbours.

The proposal supports the concept of integration as a two-way process and would support efforts to promote localised integration. There was a waiting list for new families and this issue had been high on the agenda for the East Locality Planning Group and Race Relations Network over the past year. The project would also include a 'welcome' event as part of the overall programme.

**Costs – £8,000**

- Project 2: Improving attitudes among children and young people towards those from a different community background to them.**

This proposal, delivered by Youth Initiatives – Cross Links, aims to provide opportunities for 35 young people from the local Nationalist, Unionist and minority ethnic communities to develop relations and participate in joint youth programmes. Part of the project would involve participating in sporting and team activities as well as innovative programmes to enable young people to explore diversity in a fun and safe environment. The project would culminate in a residential.

**Costs – £2,000**

### **Project 3: Exploring heritage and culture through cooking and chat.**

This proposal, delivered by East Belfast Sure Start, seeks to run a programme to link women from different cultures and communities, based around cooking and culture. Due to the success of last year's pilot, it was proposed that the programme would operate virtually. Participants would receive ingredients and equipment weekly, the ingredients received would relate to common foods that new communities, now residing in Belfast, would traditionally eat. The programme would use cooking to engage participants in conversations exploring the culture, history and experiences of different communities living in Belfast. The programme would conclude with participants putting together a collection of their favourite recipes.

#### **Costings – Total £2,000**

The costs for this proposal were contained within the Good Relations Action Plan, 75% of which is funded by The Executive Office under the District Council's Good Relations Programme.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that funding be awarded for the following projects as part of the delivery of the Good Relations Action Plan:

- BCC7: Upper North Belfast Capacity Building and Engagement Project, with North Belfast Interface Network (NBIN) as lead partner for Twaddell Ardoyne Shankill Communities in Transition (TASCIT): £9,500.
- BCC7: East Belfast Enterprises: towards a large-scale interface engagement programme in Inner East Belfast with a number of local groups and organisations: £15,000.
- BCC9: East Belfast Strategic Intervention fund:
- East Belfast Alternatives - : Enhancing Community Connections :£8,000
- Youth Initiatives - Children and young People Project - £2,000
- East Belfast Sure Start - Exploring heritage and Culture - £2,000

### **DCGRP Q1 SCP Report**

The Good Relations Officer updated the Members on the delivery of the Good Relations Action Plan during Quarter 1, which covered the period April – June 2022. The Members were reminded that the Council receives funding from The Executive Office for the delivery of its annual Good Relations Action Plan.

The current Action Plan was agreed at the Partnership in February 2022 and subsequently assessed by The Executive Office. Following this process, the Council received a letter of offer from TEO on 3rd May, with a contribution of £568,938.27. This represents 75% of the total Action Plan costs and as such would be matched by the Council, to the value of a minimum of £189,646.09. The total value of the Action Plan was therefore: £767,584.36. Of this, £495,000 was available for programme costs. The remainder supports the salaries and administration of 6 staff.

The Action Plan contains 10 distinct programmes, BCC1 – BCC10. Each programme contains a number of different projects under one of the 4 T:BUC Priorities, which were:

- Improving attitudes of Children and Young People towards others
- Developing Shared Space
- Creating Safe Space
- Promoting Positive Cultural Expression

The Good Relations Officer advised that officers had been mobilising and delivering projects within each of the programmes within the Action Plan over the first quarter.

The following was provided as a high-level overview of the progress that had been made in each programme within the Action Plan. Further details on groups awarded funding, and the amounts were detailed in an appendix attached to the agenda.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Project Summary</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Progress in Quarter 1</b>	<b>Total allocated</b>
BCC1	Council Good Relations Grants Programme.	<b>£120,000</b>	30 projects were assessed and awarded letters of offer following an open application process.	<b>£124,275.5 allocated to ensure full spend</b>
BCC2	St Patrick's Day Celebration programme	<b>£30,000</b>	No progress in Quarter 1.	<b>£0</b>
BCC3	Cultural Expression Programme	<b>£50,000</b>	Beacon Programme underway. Assessment of sites and repairs to Beacons complete. 8 groups supported to deploy a beacon on the 11 <sup>th</sup> July.  Cultural Inclusion programme for the broad Unionist Community, to include training, mentoring, capacity building and cultural events is underway with the commencement of a co-design process in Q1.	<b>£20,000</b>
BCC4	Civic Engagement and Learning Programme	<b>£38,000</b>	A number of events are either planned or have been delivered.  Research quotation approved.  Leadership quotation exercise unsuccessful. SCP agreed to reprofile this £20,000 towards support for Asylum Seekers living in hotels.	<b>£17,600</b>
BCC5	Inclusion Programme	<b>£54,000</b>	June meeting of migrant forum took place.  A number of projects are being supported through funding.	<b>£10,355</b>
BCC6	Shared City Building Relations Programme	<b>£40,000</b>	A number of projects are being funded through this programme. (Proposal to reallocate the remaining £20K budget towards an orientation programme for Ukrainian Refugees.)	<b>£14,504</b>
BCC7	Interface Engagement	<b>£70,000</b>	A number of projects are being funded through this programme.	<b>£32,515</b>
BCC8	Shared Education Schools Programme	<b>£25,000</b>	Ongoing programme delivery.	<b>£0</b>
BCC 9	Strategic Intervention Programme	<b>£48,000</b>	Two projects have been developed and approved for delivery.	<b>£16,300</b>

BCC10	Civic Leadership	<b>£20,000</b>	The Good Relations Audit contract will be awarded in the coming weeks. Participation in forthcoming One Young World Conference planning group.	<b>£0</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£495,000</b>		<b>£235,546.50</b>

The Members noted that funding for one of the events in BCC4, a Climate and Peace Building Conference, as well as the Areema Housing multi-cultural event in BCC5, were being specifically planned for delivery during Good Relations Week in September 2022.

The costs were covered within the annual Good Relations Action Plan, 75% of which is recouped by The Executive Office under the District Council's Good Relations Programme.

The Members noted the contents of this report, particularly the allocation of £124,275.50 to grants through the Good Relations Small Grant Scheme 22/23 (refer to Appendix 2 below), and the allocation of £4,300 to the City Church Intervention project, and £12,000 to the Falls Community Council Strategic Intervention project under BCC9 by delegated authority as previously agreed.

## **Appendix 2**

	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
1	22662	Good Relations Grant	Midland Boxing Club	£4,942.50	£4,942.50
2	22584	Good Relations Grant	The HUBB Community Resource Centre	£4,150.00	£3,790.00
3	22638	Good Relations Grant	Building Bridges Community Boxing Club	£3,530.00	£3,420.00
4	22569	Good Relations Grant	Cre8 Theatre	£4,986.00	£4,986.00
5	21972	Good Relations Grant	GSPPD (Spectrum Centre)	£5,000.00	£4,775.00
6	22365	Good Relations Grant	Tackling Awareness Of Mental Health Issues (TAMHI)	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
7	22632	Good Relations Grant	Ardoyne Youth Club	£3,800.00	£2,940.00
8	22552	Good Relations Grant	Corpus Christi Youth Centre	£4,729.00	£4,629.00
9	21538	Good Relations Grant	Prime Cut Productions	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
10	21548	Good Relations Grant	R City Youth CIC	£4,470.00	£4,170.00
11	21579	Good Relations Grant	4 Corners Festival	£3,850.00	£3,850.00
12	21902	Good Relations Grant	Black Mountain Shared Space	£5,001.50	£5,000.00
13	22209	Good Relations Grant	Donegall Pass Community Forum	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
14	22527	Good Relations Grant	Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group	£3,730.00	£3,730.00

15	22558	Good Relations Grant	Green Shoot Productions	£5,000.00	£4,440.00
16	22570	Good Relations Grant	Ballynafeigh Community Development Association	£4,865.00	£4,180.00
17	22572	Good Relations Grant	NBWISP	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
18	22576	Good Relations Grant	Hannahstown Cultural And Heritage Society	£4,170.00	£4,170.00
19	22616	Good Relations Grant	Belvoir Community Hub	£5,000.00	£3,900.00
20	21821	Good Relations Grant	McCullagh's Amateur Boxing Club	£4,800.00	£4,800.00
21	22642	Good Relations Grant	Diverse Youth NI	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
22	22066	Good Relations Grant	East End Great War Society	£3,225.00	£3,225.00
23	22561	Good Relations Grant	CRUSADERS IN THE COMMUNITY	£4,975.00	£4,975.00
24	22128	Good Relations Grant	Belfast Asian Women's Academy	£5,000.00	£3,950.00
25	22641	Good Relations Grant	Beyond Skin	£4,650.00	£4,450.00
26	22644	Good Relations Grant	Family Comfort NI	£5,000.00	£3,860.00
27	22594	Good Relations Grant	Ligoniel Improvement Association	£2,230.00	£2,230.00
28	22425	Good Relations Grant	Healthy Kidz CIC	£3,800.00	£3,800.00
29	22252	Good Relations Grant	The Northern Cricket Union Of Ireland	£4,321.00	£2,500.00
30	22560	Good Relations Grant	Belfast Print Workshop	£2,560.00	£2,560.00
31	22597	Good Relations Grant	Breastival	£5,000.00	£0.00
32	22689	Good Relations Grant	Khanyisa, Light Up	£4,980.00	£0.00
				<b>£142,765.00</b>	<b>£124,272.50</b>

### **Belfast Stories Request to SCP Report**

The Good Relations Officer advised the Members that that she was seeking the approval of the Members to receive a presentation from the Belfast Stories Team, followed by discussion, at the September meeting of the Partnership. She reminded the Members that Belfast Stories, previously referred to as the Belfast Destination Hub, was the Council's flagship project under the Belfast Region City Deal. Belfast Stories was seeking to establish Belfast as a cultural destination by creating a home for the city's stories and, in time, a world-class visitor attraction for locals and visitors alike. Belfast Stories would be a transformative new experience in the city centre, sharing the stories of the people and the place (past, present and future), told through exhibitions, screen and social spaces.

The Good Relations Officer advised that the objective of Belfast Stories was to create a new, high-profile, city centre visitor destination that would support the evolution of Belfast city centre and underpin tourism in the city and region. It would be a place where both tourists and local visitors meet. It would provide an opportunity and reason for visitors to stay longer and explore more. She explained that it was estimated that Belfast Stories would have 1.8

million visits per year across its various attractions and generate significant economic benefits. As well as growing Belfast's tourism economy, Belfast Stories aims to create and sustain a diversified, vibrant city centre which would be attractive to live in, work in and invest in. Belfast Stories would support and promote the already thriving Northern Ireland screen and film sector through a screen centre. Ultimately, Belfast Stories seeks to contribute to a stronger, safer community by creating opportunities for people to tell their story and in so doing foster a greater sense of connection and belonging.

- **The Location** - due to open its doors in 2028, Belfast Stories would transform the currently vacant site at the corner of Royal Avenue and North Street including the restoration of one of Belfast's most beloved heritage buildings, the art deco former Bank of Ireland.
- **The Approach** - sharing people's stories was foundational to the city of Belfast's transformative journey toward new perspectives and connections as individuals and communities. Stories were at the core of Belfast's cultural life and vision for the future of tourism. There was an unparalleled and unique opportunity for the city to create authentic and creative expressions of Belfast which connects its past, present, and future. Belfast Stories would be a visible manifestation of this ambition that in turns supports development of assets across Belfast and actively encourages visitors to further explore the city and beyond.

Given the people-focused approach to Belfast Stories, it was critical that the following guiding principles were reflected at all stages of the project, including the design and content development:

- Equality and Inclusiveness
- Increased Accessibility
- Political Pressure Free
- Respect
- People-centred

These principles were underpinned by the values of being sustainable and regenerative through maximising the social handprint of the project.

- **The Current Position** - This project is at an important stage of development. In August, procurement of a range of professional services to support the development of the physical building would commence. This includes the procurement of an Integrated Design Team; an Interpretative Planning and Exhibition Design Team; and a Project Management Design Assurance Team. The outcome of this process was due to be completed and teams appointed by early 2023.

Parallel to this procurement process, a 14-week public consultation process would commence in order to gather ideas and evidence that would help shape the design brief of the project. Specifically, the public consultation would focus on:

1. **Raising awareness** of Belfast Stories so that people are excited and want to continue to be engaged in its development and
2. Making sure that Belfast Stories is **for everyone**. This means making sure that the building is **welcoming and accessible** and everyone can **see themselves reflected** in its stories. During the public consultation we will do this in three main ways – by asking respondents to share their thoughts on the draft
  - a. **equality impact assessment**
  - b. **rural needs impact assessment** and

### c. **framework for gathering stories.**

As part of this public consultation process the Belfast Stories project team were seeking to engage with as wide a stakeholder base as possible, including the Shared City Partnership. It was proposed that this engagement would take place through attendance at the meeting of the Partnership in September 2022.

The Members noted the contents of the report and agreed to extend an invitation to the Belfast Stories team to attend the September meeting of the Partnership.

### **Part 2 - PEACEPLUS 1.1 Local Community Action Plan Update**

The Programme Manager provided the Partnership with an update on the PEACEPLUS 1.1. Co-Designed Local Community Peace Action Plan for Belfast. Belfast City Council's appointed consultants Locus Management and Blu Zebra also provided an update on the co-design process for developing the plan. The areas for discussion at the meeting included:

- Allocation model for Belfast;
- Governance for PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan;
- Public information sessions feedback;
- SCP workshop 27th June, 2022;
- Co-Design process for developing the plan.

The Programme Manager explained that, as with previous PEACE Programmes, one of the key investment areas for Council was the development of a PEACEPLUS Local Community PEACE Action Plan for the city. This programme was under theme 1 Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities, Investment area total funding (€110 million).

#### • **Allocation**

Officers had recently received correspondence from SEUPB that, subject to final confirmation, the Council would receive €17,437,277 to deliver the PEACEPLUS Local Community PEACE Action Plan, which was expected to be in the region of £14.5m to £15m (all subject to confirmation). For information, a potential allocation model for each of the three themes within the Local Action Plans based on SEUPB guidelines was presented to the Members.

- **Governance - Terms of Reference** - given that the Council had agreed that the Shared City Partnership would have responsibility for the PEACEPLUS Local Community PEACE Action Plan, the Terms of Reference for the SCP, which had been reviewed in 2018, now required amendment.

A copy of the current Terms of Reference, with the additional highlighted amendment relating to PEACEPLUS which covered the responsibility of the Partnership was attached for the Members to agree in an appendix attached to the agenda.

#### • **Partnership Agreement**

The Good Relations Manager and Programme Manager advised that as with the PEACE IV Local Action Plan, a draft Partnership Agreement would need to be drawn up which outlined the role of each partner and would require signatures from member organisations of the Partnership. As this was a legal agreement, Officers would consult with Legal Services and bring a draft to the Members for agreement and signature. The Members

noted that the draft agreement was not legally binding until the Council received a Letter of Offer from SEUPB.

- **Code of Conduct**

The Members recalled that at the same time as the Terms of Reference had been agreed, a code of conduct for the Members of the Partnership was agreed for the Members to sign. A fresh copy of the code of conduct would be sent out to the Members to sign after the SCP meeting.

- **Engagement**

Between 28th June and 1st July 2022, officers carried out 5 initial public information sessions across Belfast. A copy of the presentation which had been delivered at the sessions was attached as an appendix to the agenda for the Members' information along with an overview of feedback received from participants. A total of 63 people attended the sessions, with a further 25+ registering interest in finding out more about the development of the local action plan for Belfast.

On 27th June, the SCP held a workshop to discuss the co-design process requirements for the development of the Belfast Local Community Action Plan and considered how SCP the Members and their organisations could contribute to the process. A copy of the minutes of the workshop were attached in an appendix to the agenda.

- **Co-Design process and Plan Development**

The Council had agreed at the beginning of July to award Locus Management the contract to develop and submit the Local PEACE Action Plan for Belfast under Theme 1.1 through a direct award, following two unsuccessful procurement exercises. The Members noted that the Partnership had been given an update at the June meeting regarding the procurement process. The Members also noted that Blu Zebra consultants would be supporting Locus Management to undertake this work.

Officers had an initial meeting with the consultants in July to discuss the way forward for developing the plan and, in particular, for drafting the Co-Design process that would be undertaken, taking into consideration the short timeframe for codesign and submission of the Programme in February 2023.

The Programme Manager advised that Locus Management and Blu Zebra had been working on an initial draft co-design framework and he had invited them to join the meeting to deliver the current update on the PEACEPLUS Local Community PEACE Action Plan, suggested codesign framework, methodology and prioritisation exercise.

Prior to the presentation, there was discussion around the definition and timeframe of 'Coproduction / Codesign' process. In response to a Member's concerns, the Good Relations Manager agreed that the terms of coproduction and design be added to the amended ToR given SCP's responsibility for this process along with oversight of the delivery of the Programme.

Mr. C. Boylan, Lotus Management gave a presentation outlining the proposed draft framework based on SEUPB's 10 Step Timeline. The Programme Manager also provided a presentation entitled 'PEACE PLUS Information Sessions - 1.1 Co-Designed Local Community PEACEPLUS Action Plans' which was attached as an appendix to the agenda.

Following the presentation, the Members were asked to provide feedback on the evolving draft Co-design framework for developing the Plan. The Programme Manager advised that it was important to note that the SCP would oversee the design and implementation of the co-designed process for the Belfast area which would be used to inform the development of an overarching PEACEPLUS Action Plan. As part of this update, consultants would also outline a draft timeframe for the Co-design, development and submission of the local action plan.

The Good Relations Manager also advised that the timeline given by SEUPB required submission of the Plan by February 2023 which would have a bearing on the nature of the codesign and development phase.

Over the coming months officers would also have to consider the appropriate staff structure for delivery of the PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan and bring through the Council's internal approval processes. Further information on this would be brought back to members in due course.

Mr. C. Boylan addressed Members' concerns around capacity to engage with geographical communities and communities of interest by providing an outline of the way forward in terms of engagement. This was followed by further discussion around facilitating stakeholder engagement and how the challenge of low capacity would be overcome. The PEACE IV Programme Manager advised that they had found the best success with larger community groups facilitating groups with lower capacity as a way to engage and deliver. The Good Relations Manager provided clarity around the queries around GDPR.

Ms. A. Tohill highlighted that there were opportunities in each strand of the overall PEACE PLUS Programme and not just the Local Community PEACEPLUS Action Plan and from a codesign process perspective it was good for TEO to learn about the challenges. She also advised that responses to the needs of the refugee crisis should be considered as part of the Action Plan, and she concluded that TEO share the same concerns around capacity and timescales.

The Members noted the contents of the report and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it:

- Agree to the recently appointed consultants Locus Management (with support from Blu Zebra) to further work up the evolving Co-design Framework for developing the PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan
- Agree that consultants attend Part 2 of the SCP meetings where PEACE PLUS is discussed from September 22 until the Plan was submitted to SEUPB to provide further updates and advice on the codesign and development of the 1.1. Co-Designed Local Community Peace Action Plan for Belfast
- Approve the amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Shared City Partnership to include the scope of oversight and responsibility relating to the PEACE PLUS Local Community Peace Action Plan with the caveat around inclusion of the terms 'Co-Production and Co-Design'

- Note that a Draft Partnership Agreement would need to be drawn up to submit with the Local Community PEACE Action Plan, similar to that drawn up and signed for the PEACE IV Action Plan. Officers will consult with Legal Services regarding the terms of the agreement and this would be brought to the SCP at a future meeting
- Note that a Code of Conduct would be circulated to Members of the Shared City Partnership for signature after the August meeting
- Note the financial allocation model for the Belfast PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan
- Note the updates from the recent Public Information Sessions and SCP workshop.

The Chairman offered his apologies for the late start of the meeting due to an initial non-quorate and asked that it to be relayed to Elected Members that they notify Democratic Services in advance if they are unable to attend the meeting due to the important decisions that need to be being made in a timely manner.

Chairperson