

## SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Monday 10th October, 2022

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

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson);  
Councillors Hutchinson, Lyons, McCullough and O'Hara .

External Members: Mrs. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;  
Superintendent Ford, PSNI;  
Mr. A. Irvine, Faith Sector;  
Mr. W. Naeem, Faith Sector;  
Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Ms. A. Tohill, Good Relations, TEO; and  
Mr. A. Hannaway, NIHE.

In attendance: Ms. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager;  
Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE IV Programme Manager;  
Mr. S. Lavery, Programme Manager;  
Mr. D. Robinson, Good Relations Officer;  
Ms. L. Dolan, Good Relations Officer;  
Ms. V. Smyth, Democratic Services Officer;  
Dr. Lucy Michael, Lucy Michael Research, Training and  
Consultancy;  
Ms. T. Hogg, Blu Zebra; and  
Ms. B. Enslin, Blu Zebra.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf of Councillor McMullan, Mr. I. McLaughlin, Ms. G. Duggan, Mr. P. Anderson, Ms. A.M. White, Mr. M. McBride, Mr. S. Hamilton and Mr. P. Mackel.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 20th September 2022 were taken as read and signed as correct.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Ms. B. Arthurs declared an interest in item 3(a) and 3(d), namely, Peace IV Updates on the BPR theme.

Ms. A. Tohill declared an interest in item 3, namely, Peace IV updates and at item 6 relating to the PEACE PLUS update.

The Chairman welcomed Dr Lucy Michael who provided the Shared City Partnership with an update on the research commissioned to examine the lived experiences of people from a minority ethnic background living in Belfast.

The Good Relations Manager reminded the Members that Belfast City Council, the Public Health Agency and the Belfast Trust had jointly commissioned research to examine the lived experience of people from minority ethnic communities living in Belfast and the inequalities experienced by those groups. Following a procurement exercise the contract was awarded to Dr Lucy Michael.

The purpose of commissioning the research was to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the range of experiences of minority ethnic populations in Belfast, including Irish Travellers, to help inform policy making and service provision.

The research methodology adopted a unique approach, whereby Dr Michael was asked to ensure that 8 people from a minority ethnic background were trained and mentored to act as researchers in the project. Through this methodology, 8 people from minority communities were mentored and trained in research design, data collection, research ethics and data management. They were also involved in recruiting and interviewing participants, as well as translating and transcribing interviews.

Interview and focus groups had taken place over the past 6 months examining issues in relation to how minority ethnic populations in Belfast experience everyday issues such as employment, accessing housing, healthcare, education, leisure services, civic engagement, community safety and cultural integration. The research was now complete and a report had been produced with a number of recommendations for the relevant agencies and organisations. The report was due to be launched on 1st December.

Dr Michael presented the findings from the research and outlined the key recommendations:

- Measures of integration, not just attitudes;
- Investment in anti-racism resources for communities and schools;
- Support for migrant rights and awareness raising;
- Language supports in education and training for adults;
- Housing rights support;
- Safe public spaces;
- Incentivise ongoing intercultural projects at neighbourhood level;
- Strong political leadership on intercultural messaging; and
- Upskilling across public agencies and publicly funded organisations on interculturalism and equality

The Chairperson opened the floor for questions and the Members thanked Dr Michael for what was described as welcome research. The Members agreed that more work had to be done at a community level to improve communication and information channels in terms of needs and services. A Member relayed a local incident relating to a hate crime and discussion ensued relating to the PSNI's approach to such incidents. There was agreement that this was a wider partner/agency matter and not just a policing issue.

The Good Relations Manager explained how the recommendations would be implemented going forward from the launch, including informing the Good Relations Action Plan and the PEACEPLUS Action Plan.

The Chairman thanked Dr Michael for a very valuable piece of work.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the draft findings be approved and launched on 1st December 2022.

## **PEACE IV Updates**

### **Peace IV - Update on Secretariat**

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 and advised that the delivery of project activity was continuing as outlined in the Thematic Reports.

The Members noted that contract extensions for Cinematography, St Comgall's and the Roma projects had been progressed as necessary. Mitigations and project extensions continued to be progressed as required to enable implementation of the programme.

The Peace IV Programme Manager advised that the discussions regarding the challenges of implementation of CYP3 OTRT, BPR2 Creative Communities and Roma project had taken place and she was liaising closely with project managers to resolve the operational issues. Progressing the closure of projects was ongoing and further detail was outlined in the Thematic Reports.

Formal correspondence from SEUPB regarding the approval of the business case had been received, as outlined in Appendix I, and the PEACE IV team was liaising with SEUPB on specific clarifications.

The Peace IV Programme Manager explained that confirmation from the NIHE regarding their budget position was required to enable changes on the eMS system and an updated Letter of Offer was to be progressed.

The Members were informed that during September two key events had taken place, both of which were informative, interactive, and well received. The Diversity and Inclusion workshop attended by pupils from four local schools had taken place on 14th September 2022 and included stimulating and thought-provoking discussions on the topic area.

The International Day of Peace conference had been held on 21st September 2022, as well as marking the theme of End Racism: Build Peace, the event had acknowledged the achievements of PEACE IV, considered what was next for peace building and included insights from the Permanent Secretary for the Executive Office on the importance of investing in good relations for peacebuilding. The Peace IV Programme Manager advised that the preliminary feedback from the event had been very positive and formal feedback was being progressed.

The Members noted that the delivery of all Peace IV events through the Event Management contract with Plannd had now been complete.

Any further workplan deliverables would be coordinated by the Peace IV team. The key deliverable, to explore outcome-based accountability, was being progressed through a series of two workshops on Measuring the Impact of Peace, author of the Peace Monitoring Report.

The Members were advised that resource pressures within the PEACE IV team were continuing with two vacant posts and staff sickness. The Traveller Support Officer and the CYP Thematic Manager had recently resigned.

The Members noted that, following written confirmation of the extended delivery timeframe, relevant staff contracts would be extended to March 2023 and/or June 2023 in line with business needs. This should help provide some job security for remaining staff. The Members also noted that recruitment via the Councils' Agency framework (Matrix-CR) had not identified any suitable candidates for vacant posts, as such recruitment via a specialist agency was being progressed. This approach would require approval of a Single Tender Action by both Council and SEUPB.

The financial position remained as previously reported, with expenditure of £7.87m and reimbursement of £5.9m to date. Discussions with SEUPB on the progress of the reimbursement of outstanding claims was progressing, although the Members noted that BCC resource pressures was causing some delay in responding to SEUPB requests.

The Members were advised that discussions with the BPR5 Roma project had highlighted the need for flexibility in terms of participant numbers and contact hours. The Members were requested to delegate authority to the BPR Chair and Peace IV Programme Manager to consider mitigations for the project, which will be subject to SEUPB approval.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and agree to:

- Delegate authority to the BPR Chair and Peace IV Programme Manager to consider mitigations for the Roma project.

### **Peace IV - Update on CYP Theme**

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 note the contents of the report and related appendices and recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that**

- **The Tech Connects, Belfast Metropolitan College (Digital Insights Programme) is extended until 31 January 2023**

#### **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 reminded of the estimated closure figures achieved by GIGA training and to note that the final monitoring and evaluation forms are being reviewed by Officers with an onsite visit to be scheduled subject to available resource. The delivery agent is working on completion of the final report for submission before drawing down the final payment. Members are also asked to note that all equipment including, laptops, iPads and Lego We Do Kits have been returned to Council with no damage recorded. A further update on the reuse of this equipment will be included in the next monthly report.

Delivery Agent	Sessions	Target	Completed YTD	Variance
GIGA Training	6-11-Year-Olds	494	496	+2
GIGA Training	12-16-Year-Olds	365	362	-3
Previous Delivery agent	Tech Connects 2018/2019	133	133	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>-1</b>

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

The delivery agent has submitted a modification request to extend the project until the end of January 2023. This is due to several challenges reported in previous papers, such as the delivery partner withdrawing and the impact of COVID etc. This will allow Belfast Metropolitan College a further opportunity to engage with young people to increase the participation hours as there is a high risk of non-achievement of the full target. This extension would fall within the current CYP Letter of Offer from SEUPB which has been extended until March 2023. Estimated number of completers has reduced to 104 from a target of 110 (95%), this would mean an underachievement of 6 against the new target. Members are also reminded of the previous target of 160, the reduction to 110 was approved in the business case submitted to SEUPB. There are currently 133 registrations received to date, with 104 forecasted to fully complete the programme. This is due to a high number of non-completers and college leavers. The college has followed up with these leavers with little success, leading to a low level of retention of young people.

<b>Total</b>	<b>104 from a target of 160</b> <b>104 from a target of 110</b> (Reduction of 50, from 160 to 110 approved in Business Case)	<b>56 remaining against original target of 160</b> (Contract ends September 22) <b>6 remaining against target of 110</b> (Contract ends January 2023).
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### 3.2 CYP 2 – Playing our Part in the City

As previously reported the final supporting evidence from Active Communities Network has now been submitted which is being reviewed and finalised by Officers.

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

Members are asked to note the formal approval from SEUPB as part of the business case to reduce the targets from 1800 to 1260. Group recruitment is continuing with sessions planned to take place in October and November. Additional groups are being approached with a condensed approach being regarded as attractive by the sports clubs since it avoids clashes with training and match dates. Group residential have also been continuing and young participants recently took part from local water polo clubs across Belfast. As a result of this, they were able to take part in the International Day of PEACE event at the Hilton on 21 September 2022.

Total	800 from a target of 1260	460 remaining (Contract ends December 22)
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#### Personal Change – Delivered by Extern

As previously reported, following a review of the final report submitted by Extern, additional supporting information and evidence had been requested. This information has now been received and is with Officers for final review.

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

As previously reported, a final signed closure report together with supporting evidence has now been submitted by the delivery partner and is being reviewed by Officers in order progress to the issue of final payment

Total	87 from a target of 80	+ 7 achieved – Progressing to closure
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### 3.5 CYP 5 – NIHE Local Area Network Partner Delivery

NIHE have completed all the outstanding procurement and is currently in the process of finalising awards to external providers. Dates of delivery will then be agreed with the young people's groups. Members should note the recent approval of the business case submitted to SEUPB which will lead to a reduction in hours

from 200 to 100, being required from Core participants. A reduction in target from 900 to 304 for participants, along with a reduction from 30 to 24 hours for peer participants has also been approved. This has been approved with a caveat that NIHE should aim to achieve the higher level of hours for peer groups as that group have the higher numbers of participants.

<b>Total</b>	<b>345 from a target of 304</b>	<b>+ 41 over target</b> (Contract ends December 2022)
	143 Core Participants 202 Peer Participants	

### **3.6 Financial and Resource Implications**

Expenditure, up to Period 31, valued at £1.92m has been submitted to SEUPB for reimbursement. To date £1.665m has been reimbursed by SEUPB. Claims for Periods 30-31 valued at £262K 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 noted the contents of the report and related appendices and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that:

- The Tech Connects, Belfast Metropolitan College (Digital Insights Programme) be extended until 31 January 2023.

### **Peace IV - Update on SSS Theme**

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. She advised that the implementation of both the capital and programming elements of the Shared Space and Services theme were continuing. She advised that risks associated with delivery were highlighted in the in the RAG Report (Appendix I).

The Peace IV Programme Manager referred to the Capital Works at Forth Meadow Community Greenway and advised that an initial meeting of the Springfield Dam bridge naming panel, made up of a representative of the West Area Working Group, Shared City Partnership Members, representation from funders (SEUPB and DfC), community representatives, project representation (Mediation NI) and supported by Council officers, had taken place on Tuesday 6th September 2022. The panel had agreed on an indicative timeline that would promote community awareness and contribution, and would include an article in City Matters, a drop-in session at the Dam, promotion through social media, and a possible leaflet drop in the surrounding communities. A second meeting had taken place on 6th October 2022.

In relation to the Peace IV Network Scheme, the works had started in Section 2, with the treatment of invasive species having been carried out on 19th September 2022.

Costs were being finalised with the contractors, and it was anticipated that they would be on site at the start of October 2022. Due to the delay in works, as a result of the Judicial Review, a request for an extension had been submitted to SEUPB. This had been approved and the completion date for works in Section 2 had been extended to June 2023.

The Peace IV Programme Manager further advised that the majority of works in Section 3 were complete, however, the handover to Council had been delayed due to an issue with an NIE cable and discussions were ongoing to resolve the issue.

Works in Phase 1 (Milltown Row) and Phase 3 (St James' City Farm) of Section 4 was complete and due for handover to the Council. Work on Phase 2 (Ulster Wildlife / St Galls GAA) was nearing completion with handover due by the end of October 2022.

Signage was still being considered in line with Council's language policy and the Members would be updated when more information was available.

McCadden had provided an updated branding document to be reflective of the diversity of Belfast's citizens. A copy had been included for the Members' information at Appendix III.

### **Public Art Pieces**

The Peace IV Programme Manager informed the Members that the artist linked in with the schools listed below in September. The names of the pupils, whose designs / patterns would feature in the final piece, would be announced in the coming weeks.

- Bunscoil an tSléibhe Dhuibh
- Harmony PS
- Forth River PS
- Mercy Primary PS
- Springfield PS
- St. Clare's PS
- St. Kevin's PS
- St. Paul's PS

Work on the flagship piece was progressing and a planning application for installation had been approved at the Planning Committee meeting on 20th September 2022.

The artist has provided designs for the floor art, to feature in each of the sections (Appendix II). The Members were asked to review and comment ahead of submission to the Programme Board.

### **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
Delivery of facilitated sessions (130 hrs min)	102 hours
51 narratives (3 narratives x 17 panels)	46 draft narratives
Compilation document of all stories	In progress

To date, Mediation NI and Osborne Partnership had submitted 46 narratives for review and inclusion on Information panels (Appendix IV). The final 12 draft narratives, for panels planned for Section 4, had been submitted by the project lead and were currently being reviewed. Narratives were being drafted from discussions with groups in Section 5 and would be included in the final collection of memories, stories and snippets of local history.

### **Shared Space Volunteer Training**

<b>Deliverable targets</b>	<b>Targets achieved</b>
Sustrans	
30 volunteers (15 Walk & 15 Cycle Leads)	27 recruited across 3 groups
Volunteer Now Enterprise	
15 volunteers (Local Ambassadors)	13 recruited
The Conservation Volunteers	
15 volunteers (Nature Guides)	12 recruited

The three project leads, Sustrans, Volunteer Now and The Conservation Volunteers, had now completed their projects and were progressing to closure. Across all four projects, 52 participants from the communities along Forth Meadow Community Greenway had been trained as Walk / Cycle Leads, Local Ambassadors and Nature Guides. The next stage was to look at how the coordination of this team could be supported and was being discussed with all three project leads.

A celebration event for all the participant volunteers, had taken place on Saturday 8th October 2022, in Farset International, with the Lord Mayor and Shared City Partnership Chairperson in attendance.

### **Governance / Management Model**

Following submission and review of the report, Senior Management had met to discuss the recommendations and consider the practical support that the Council could provide.

As reported previously, a public tender had been carried out in August to recruit a contractor who would deliver a project to implement a governance model. An assessment panel had met on 7th September 2022 and a successful contractor was identified. Approvals to award the contract were progressing under delegated authority and from SEUPB. Once approvals were in place, the successful contractor would be notified.

### **Youth Engagement & Civic Education**

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

The project continued to receive interest from young people and the project was in the process of completing registration documentation for project participants from Glencairn, Ligoniel, Nubia, Charter, Willowbank, Blackmountain, St Theresa's and Hammer. There had also been interest from young people in the Greater Village area.

Youth Link had been contacting local schools and had engaged with St Genevieve's, Boys Model, Malone College and Hazelwood.

In response to feedback from older young people (17 years+) who have an interest in making a difference in their communities, Youth Link were looking into providing an OCN Leadership programme. This would help recruit this older age group and encourage sustained and meaningful participation.

### **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” – approximately 100 people - Colour Run events in Falls and Glencairn Park – approximately 500 people - “Movies in the Dam” – approx. 700 people
- 10 small community focused activities / events (30 to 50 people at each)	- “Sunflower Festival” – approximately 50 people - Foraging Walk and Big Potato Harvest in Bog Meadows – approximately 100 people - Dunville Heritage Tour and Whiskey Tasting – approximately 20 people

A programme of small and medium events / activities had been planned for October, and would include:

- Street Art Jam in Partnership with Seedhead Arts – Glencairn Park – Saturday 15 October 2022, 11:00 – 15:00. This would involve young people working with artists to create large scale canvasses themed around the Greenway and would go on display at the Finale Event.
- Finale Event – Springfield Park – Saturday 22 October 2022 – a colourful and energetic Mexican Day of the Dead Festival. There would also be a wide variety of activities for all the family to enjoy, including live music, stage performances, dance, food vendors, entertainers, pumpkin carving, arts and crafts, face painting and a spectacular fire dance finale.
- Sustrans would be facilitating a “Spooks on Spokes” event, with the Cycle Leaders, but the details were still to be finalised.

### **Resource Allocation**

Feedback from interested groups / organisations had been requested and had helped with identifying options on how this resource would be used to support community activities. Through the approved delegated authority to the Programme Board, these options would be

reviewed, and the next steps approved. An update would be provided to the Members in due course.

### **T:BUC Engagement Forum**

SSS Programming had been asked to speak at the T:BUC Engagement Forum, on behalf of The Executive Office, on Tuesday 20th September in the Stormont Hotel. The focus of the event was the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) and their role in promoting good relations locally. It was felt that the Forth Meadow Greenway was a very strong example of utilising environmental issues to address good relations work by promoting and supporting good relations through shared space and connectivity.

Expenditure to date within the SSS theme totalled £2.7m up to the Period 31 SSS claim, with £1.9m reimbursed to date. Therefore, the total expenditure outstanding for verification and reimbursement was £833k.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and related appendices.

The Members were asked to review the floor art designs (Appendix II) and provide comments.

### **Peace IV - Update on BPR Theme**

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:**

##### **BPR 1 & CYP 5 NIHE**

- **the extension and revised approach for delivery to December 2022.**

##### **BPR 5- Lincs NI Alternatives**

- **request for a further extension to the project until the end of November 2022 to allow completion of all deliverables**

##### **BPR 5- Roma Forward South partnership**

- **Request to extend the project until end of December to ensure completion of all remaining elements.**

##### **BPR Cinematography – Morrow**

- **request for a further extension to the project until the end of December to ensure completion of all remaining filming**

### **3.0 Main report**

#### **Key Issues**

The status and progress with projects are outlined in Appendix I BPR-RAG Report.

Projects are at various stages of delivery; some projects are completing, whilst activity is continuing with other projects. Members should note that participation and retention levels continue to be impacted by Covid 19 with ongoing sickness and isolation, as necessary.

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

Participation levels remain consistent with recent increases in participants to 127/144 and 354/900 peer participants across the CCAN's.

The approval of the business case submitted to SEUPB to reduce participants from 1044 to 585 and contact hours 200 to 120 hours per Core participant will assist in the achievement of deliverables for the project and enable the process of working on revised Letters of Offer to NIHE.

NIHE are to forward a copy of the reduced budgets proposed for both CYP & BPR, related to an extension to deliver to December 2022.

The recent challenges with EAST Belfast Network have progressed positively with the Diamond Ladies and Short Strand groups confirming they are interested in progressing further with TIDES. To enable progression of deliverables, a condensed delivery which has previously been approved, may be adopted.

The request to extend to December 2022 will ensure contract and outlined targets are achieved.

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

The artist for the Football cluster continues to work with the steering group leads and engagement remains positive.

The East Belfast Radius cluster closure/unveiling event took place on the 24th September 2022. The artwork and panels were unveiled to Global Crescent and Cantrell Close participants from Radius. The artwork is a true celebration and beautiful representation of works for people across the community.

The steering group members from the Carlisle group met with the Peace IV Thematic and Programme managers and have made the decision not to progress with the cluster. This is mainly due to other priorities and personal circumstances. The Project Support officer is pursuing other potential clusters and whilst time is

limited, a condensed approach to the delivery of a new cluster may support final targets and achievements of overall deliverables.

The decision on the business case to SEUPB is welcomed with a reduction in participant numbers and hours agreed. The hours reduced from 60 to 42 and participant numbers agreed as 144 instead of 264.

As noted, the facilitation quotation received nil submissions. An alternate approach has been suggested to use this resource to increase and reengage participants across Ardoyne, Divis and Lower Shankill by commissioning an artist to work on additional activities and events.

Participant numbers and contact hours are under review.

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

#### **Transformative Leadership Programme**

The local projects developed through the Action Plans continue to be delivered. The North Belfast conversations completed their video with NVTV and aired the film at an organised community event on 15th September 2022. See link in Appendix II- North Belfast Conversations.

The £16k combined activity is scheduled to take place on 8th October at Alexandra Park.

The Cliftonville Primary school event was completed on the 24th of September. Remaining projects continue as agreed throughout October and into November for completion.

Activity has progressed with the Black Gates project at Suffolk/Lenadoon, and artwork has been completed by the children. Kidstogether and Suffolk community group are to liaise to organise a suitable date for a community engagement event which will incorporate the appointed artist.

The residential took place on 27-29 September in Derry/Londonderry with final figures showing 17 participants attended. The residential enabled participants to put their learning into practice by visits to Creggan Enterprises and the New Gate arts projects. Both community organisations hosted the groups and discussed transformation and leadership within the context of their experiences within their organisations.

The two remaining study visits have been rescheduled for October with the Coleraine visit remaining as a preferred option.

Submission of a payment request has been made by the delivery partner and as agreed previously, a 30% payment will be progressed. The current penalties are in the region of £26k and the

partner has been advised. It is recognised that Covid and ongoing challenges have impacted final figures.

However, positive returns are shown for case studies and cluster reports and 42/45 TLP courses have been completed.

Verification and collation of monitoring and evaluation data remains a significant piece of work that will take time to progress, as staff shortages in this area continue to impact.

#### **3.4 BPR4 –BATW-Facilitation**

The Belfast and the World project is complete with a final meeting scheduled with the lead to progress any gaps. The verification of targets indicates all deliverables achieved including the development of a Learning resource to reflect the experiences and learning throughout the Belfast and the World project. All civic and community events have been completed with 173 participants completing over 21 hrs each.

The return on the business case stipulated no variances for the final engagement hours therefore 147 completed 26hrs or more and 36 completed between 20-25hrs.

Corrymeela is continuing with active engagement from BATW participants to support the residentials, and study visits. The Dublin and Cork residentials are now complete with 38 participants attending across the two events. The feedback captured has been positive.

Most recently, a participant was interviewed as part of the wider Peace celebrations on the International Day of Peace. The participant spoke to both the learning and experiences gained through the BATW project and the shared learning experienced through the Cork residential.

The Somme Heritage Centre study visit is scheduled for the 29th October and the North coast visit for the 8th October. When they have taken place, the facilitation element from Corrymeela will be complete.

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

The request to extend the project to November 2022 was made to ensure delivery of the final shared learning event and that all deliverables in terms of participant numbers and engagement hours are achieved. The leadership and capacity building continues and within with this extended window, further learning will be viable.

Planning for a closure / final shared learning event is underway and is now proposed for the 20th October 2022 in C.S Lewis Square. Details and invites are to be finalised.

The current reported figures indicate targets are nearly achieved with 91/96 participants completing over 68hrs each. This is pending verification of data.

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

The Empowering Young Women workshop series is complete and exhibition materials have been approved. The exhibition is scheduled for the 3rd of October at Culturlann in west Belfast and is a smaller scale event for participants, local communities and families. However, this exhibition will also feature at the end event in the City Hall on the 18th October, as part of the showcasing of all workshop exhibitions.

Delivery of the Health and Wellbeing workshop has been paused due to personal circumstances impacting those attending this series of workshops. The Project support officer is working with the Heart project to ensure completion of all workshops and exhibition materials in time for both launching their completed works but also ensuring the exhibition is ready for the closure event. 7 sessions were completed, and scheduled activity up to early October 2022.

The quotation for Parallel Lives, as reported received nil submissions given the remaining period for delivery and the lack of appetite from the supporting networks/organisations, it is unlikely this workshop will be achieved.

The remaining community event scoping exercise and engagement directly with travellers is ongoing. The project support officer is to secure travellers that wish to be involved in the design of this final community event.

The celebration of the traveller project will take place in a final showcasing of all exhibitions achieved through the workshops. This is scheduled for the 18th October at City Hall, and further invites will be issued in due course.

Participant registrations are 32/40 all completing 26hrs or more engagement.

3 of 4 workshops and exhibitions have been awarded  
3 of 4 community events achieved  
1 intercultural event achieved

Attendee numbers across community events to be calculated

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

The Roma project was scheduled to complete end of September, the request to extend delivery to December 2022 is to ensure that the delivery partner achieves all deliverables outlined in the contract and has sufficient time to organise an event to celebrate

the achievements of the Roma participants. Forward South partnership have agreed this approach.

Further activity was filmed to capture the participants attending the English language classes. The completed clips for the recent excursion to Lady Dixons Park is a very positive reflection of the engagement and participation across this community.

Recent developments indicate that the current position requires further engagement sessions and more activity to help reach training targets. It is hoped this extended time will support successful completion of overall contract.

Update on deliverables:

3 of 4 intercultural events complete

2 of 2 community policing meetings- reports submitted. These reports indicate the engagement across the community from both Roma and other residents as well as representation from other community groups. Discussions on key issues pertaining to the community are reviewed within this meeting, subsequent reports are issued.

20 participants completing 28hrs of Capacity building engagement: 14 complete, 5 with numbers between 20-26hrs.

21 out of the required 12 participants are registered for English conversational Classes, however attendance is very sporadic. Currently only 1 participant has achieved the required 28hrs of engagement.

5 participants to complete Advice training, sessions are ongoing.

The Hub continues with significant Advice information shared indicating a diverse set of needs being addressed/supported. This element is now noted as completed within the Roma contract. The hub will continue under Good Relations funding.

Trackers currently indicate targets for training elements in Advice, English language and capacity building have yet to be achieved, the extension should support achievement of these targets.

### 3.8 BPR6 – St. Comgalls

Project delivery is continuing with two seminars and networking events taking place in September – Sport & Positive Change and St Comgall's Tour & Talk.

The requested reduction to 32 hours as per the business case submitted to SEUPB has been approved. A full consolidated tracker for all activity has been requested from the project which should be provided shortly and will give a picture of the remaining hours needing to be achieved.

The project has submitted further information that is currently being considered by Officers to go into a report alongside the Exhibition and Education Resource materials, for the Programme Board to consider approval.

### **3.9 Cinematography Project**

Filming of suitable opportunities to capture the Belfast Peace Journey is continuing and an extension to the end of December will allow for more filming of NIHE projects to be included in the final outputs.

The main deliverables to be achieved is a short story film per project which are being finalised in line with each project closure.

A thematic film for the CYP theme was showcased on International Day of Peace event on 21 September and hosted on the BCC YouTube channel (App III). BPR and SSS clips and an overall Programme film will be delivered by the end of the contract.

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

Expenditure to date within the BPR theme totals £2.95m up to Period 31 SSS claim, with £2.37m reimbursed. Therefore, the total expenditure outstanding for verification by SEUPB, for Periods 28-31 claims is valued at £840K.

### **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 Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree the following proposals:

#### **BPR 1 & CYP 5 NIHE**

- The extension and revised approach for delivery to December 2022.

#### **BPR 5- Lincs NI Alternatives**

- Request for a further extension to the project until the end of November 2022 to allow completion of all deliverables.

#### **BPR 5- Roma Forward South partnership**

- Request to extend the project until end of December 2022 to ensure completion of all Remaining elements.

## BPR Cinematography – Morrow

- Request for a further extension to the project until the end of December 2022 to ensure completion of all remaining filming.

### Quarter 2 Report on the Delivery of the Council's Good Relations Action Plan

The Good Relations Officer updated the Members on the delivery of the Good Relations Action Plan during Quarter 2 which covered the period July – September 2022.

The Members recalled that the Council received funding from The Executive Office for the delivery of its annual Good Relations Action Plan. The total value of the Action Plan was £767,584.36. Of this, £495,000 was available for programme costs. The remainder supported the salaries and administration of 6 staff.

The Members also recalled at its last update in August that £235,546.50 had been allocated for projects in Quarter 1. The delivery of the Action Plan had continued during Quarter 2, with a further £153,145 being allocated during this Quarter for Good Relations projects. Therefore, the total allocated for Good Relations projects for Q1 and Q2 was £388,691.50.

The Good Relations Officer provided context around the high-level overview of the progress, outlined below, that had been made in each programme within the Action Plan in Quarter 2. Further details on groups awarded funding, and the amounts, was contained in a more detailed table and is attached as an appendix. The Quarter 1 appendix was also attached for reference.

Code	Project Summary	Budget	Progress in Quarter 2	Total allocated in Q2
BCC1	Council Good Relations Grants Programme.	<b>£120,000</b>	30 projects undergoing ongoing delivery	<b>£0</b>
BCC2	St Patrick's Day Celebration programme	<b>£30,000</b>	Activity due to take place in Q3 & Q4.	<b>£0</b>
BCC3	Cultural Expression Programme	<b>£50,000</b>	Beacon Programme delivered.  Cultural Inclusion programme for the broad Unionist Community, to include training, mentoring, capacity building and cultural events is underway.	<b>£0</b>  <b>£29,925</b>
BCC4	Civic Engagement and Learning Programme	<b>£38,000</b>	A number of events are either planned or have been delivered in Q2.	<b>£0</b>
BCC5	Inclusion Programme	<b>£54,000</b>	September meeting of migrant forum took place  Award to MEARS for work with Asylum Seekers living in hotels  Allocation to Roma Support Hub	<b>£0</b>  <b>£19,970</b>  <b>£12,000</b>

BCC6	Shared City Building Relations Programme	<b>£40,000</b>	Programmed funded in Q1 being delivered.  Aware to the Red Cross to undertake orientation and casework for asylum seekers	<b>£0</b>  <b>£20,000</b>
BCC7	Interface Engagement	<b>£70,000</b>	Programme of engagement in East Belfast approved in August  Programme for NBIN and TACIT	<b>£15,000</b>  <b>£9,500</b>
BCC8	Shared Education Schools Programme	<b>£25,000</b>	Programme for 22/23 year agreed and being delivered.	<b>£25,000</b>
BCC 9	Strategic Intervention Programme	<b>£48,000</b>	3 projects in East Belfast	<b>£12,000</b>
BCC10	Civic Leadership	<b>£20,000</b>	The Good Relations Audit under way.	<b>£9,750</b>
		<b>£495,000</b>		<b>£153,145</b>

That Members noted the contents of this report.

### **Christmas Interface Events and Strategic Intervention Projects**

The Good Relations Officer informed the Partnership of further project proposals for Christmas Interface Events, that have been developed as part of the Good Relations Action Plan within the BCC7 Interface Projects element and to note an allocation of £2,000 towards New Lodge Arts for their annual Lantern Parade, £7,000 to Mornington Community Project under BCC9 Strategic Intervention and £5,000 towards WAVE for a programme of engagement with young people under BCC5.

The Members recalled the Interfaces Programme (BCC7) within the Good Relations Action Plan. As with previous years, there was demand within a number of organisations who wished to undertake events around the Christmas period. Officers continued to work with groups to generate proposals for this part of the Action Plan and a number of submissions had been received.

Based on previous years, the maximum budget available for the Christmas events was £1,500. Proposals being recommended for funding under this measure were:

- £1,500 for Colin Neighbourhood Partnership for a cross community Christmas event for children from neighbouring communities;
- £1,225 for Dunmurry Community Association for an intercultural and cross community Christmas party for children and families from different backgrounds within the wider Dunmurry area;
- £1,500 for Suffolk Community Forum for a cross interface Christmas event with the families of those involved in their Men's Shed project with Lenadoon, The Plough from Grosvenor and the Upper Springfield Healthy Living Centre;

- £1,495 for Holy Family Community Centre for a Winter Wonderland event for children and young people from cross community backgrounds and multi-ethnic perspective, held in the community centre. There would also be a series of stands providing information and support pointers to people dealing with the cost of living; and
- £1,500 towards Finaghy Residents group for a Winter Engagement Event aimed at promoting ongoing contact and relations between neighbouring communities.

The Members also recalled the Strategic Intervention Programme under BCC9. At its September meeting, £10,000 was allocated for projects in North Belfast. This left £2,000 within the North Belfast allocation. This remaining amount was being allocated to New Lodge Arts for their annual Lantern Parade to take place in October, around the Halloween period.

In addition, the remaining allocation for South Belfast of £7,000 would support the delivery of a project led by Mornington Community Group, engaging women in a 6-month project developing relations between women from diverse community and ethnic backgrounds. Mornington Women's Group, a cross community group based in the Lower Ormeau area, would be the primary group, with engagement from a diverse range of other women's groups in the area, including Indian Women's Association, Donegall Pass and Sandy Row Women's Group, and the Roma Support Hub. These projects had been approved through the agreed delegated authority.

Under BCC5, a project to the value of up to £5,000 had been discussed with WAVE for a programme of engagement with young people from a number of different interface areas across the City, including activities around Christmas time and a number of follow-up engagement activities. Given the need for engagement with this sector, Members were asked to approve the allocation of £5,000.

The Members were reminded that at previous meetings, a total of £57,015 has been allocated to projects under the BCC7 Interfaces Programme. There was a total budget of £70,000 in this 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 Interfaces element of the Good Relations Action Plan:

- BCC7: Christmas Interface Events for the following groups:
  - Colin Neighbourhood Partnership: £1,500
  - Dunmurry Community Association: £1,225
  - Suffolk Community Forum: £1,500.
  - Holy Family Community Centre: £1,495
  - Finaghy Resident Group £1,500
- To note the allocation of £2,000 to New Lodge Arts for their annual Lantern Parade under BCC9, Strategic Intervention Programme under delegated authority.
- To note the allocation of £7,000 to Mornington Community Project to support their 'Learning through Engagement Project', bringing together women from diverse backgrounds in South Belfast, under BCC9, Strategic Intervention Programme under delegated authority.

- To approve the allocation of £5,000 to WAVE Trauma Centre for a project of engagement with young people from a number of interface areas who had been impacted by the conflict.

**Update on PEACE PLUS**  
**Co-designed Local Community Peace**  
**Action Plan for Belfast**

Ms. T. Hogg, Blu Zebra, informed the Members on the development of the PEACEPLUS Local Community PEACE Action Plan and the recent workshop that the Members attended.

Ms. T. Hogg informed the Members that a total of 16 co-design engagement sessions had been planned between the 17th and 24th October which would include sessions with Section 75 and Thematic Groups. The purpose of these engagement workshops was to receive input from stakeholders on how the local PEACE Action Plan should be developed. The detail of these events had been shared on the Council website, via social media and through community contacts and would be advertised in the local media over the next week. A Member raised the matter of engagement and accessibility in terms of some of the target groups. It was agreed that there was a need to reach out to as many groups, areas of interest and specific communities as possible and it was acknowledged that this can be challenging.

The Members were asked to provide feedback on the content of the workshop which discussed the Co-Design stages, the vision for Belfast PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan and role of the Shared City Partnership to develop the Plan. A number of the Members raised the need for political will and buy-in and there was agreement that the vision should start with compassion, and should be inclusive while making it clear that the programme was timebound and could only contribute to PEACE and Reconciliation and would be unable to achieve things such as Belfast being free from the legacy of the conflict. There was also opportunity to learn from Peace IV. It was also advised that the vision should align with what the PEACE PLUS Programme would be measuring as outcomes and the Belfast Agenda.

Ms. T. Hogg stated she would need a longer session with the Shared City Partnership to bed down the rationale, and in the meantime would issue a survey to the Members to complete.

The Chairman asked the Partnership if it agreed to sign-off on the proposed stakeholder engagement plan to which the Members unanimously agreed.

The Members noted the contents of this report and agreed to share the stakeholder engagement workshops with key contacts and attend public information sessions if available. The Members also agreed to provide feedback on the draft vision for Belfast PEACEPLUS and participatory role of the Shared City Partnership as discussed at the recent Shared City Partnership workshop.

The Chairperson acknowledged that the Good Relations Manager had secured a promotion and would be moving into a new role and this would be her last Shared City Partnership meeting as Good Relations Manager.

Chairperson