



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium (BCRC) Request for Funding
Date:	19 December 2014
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1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	This purpose of this paper is for the Committee to consider a request for funding from the Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium (BCRC).

2.0	Key Issues
2.1	The Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium (BCRC) is a city wide cross community partnership working to assist conflict transformation at Belfast interfaces. Previous phases of projects undertaken by BCRC were supported by the Peace III Programme, managed for the Special EU Programmes Body by the Community Relations Council/ Pobal Consortium.
2.2	BCRC currently provides practical support and assistance to 53 grassroots groups and networks across Belfast and is represented on the boards/committees of 34 organisations across the city.
2.3	BCRC is seeking the funding support of £81,441.68 from Belfast City Council to sustain its current staff level of 5 for the period January 2015 to June 2015 which will cover the shortfall in funding for the costs associated with the delivery of BCRC's work plan for the period as well as lead agency overhead and administration costs.
2.4	The funding request and supporting documentation has been included as appendix 1.

3.0	Resource Implications
3.1	No provision has been made for this funding in the revenue estimates. If funding is agreed then financing will need to be provided from the 2014/15 year end reallocation.

4.0	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	There are no equality and good relations implications associated with the report.

5.0	Recommendations
	Members are asked to consider the funding request from the Belfast Conflict and Resolution Consortium (BCRC).

6.0	Decision Tracking
	The Director of Finance and Resources will implement the decision of the Committee.

7.0	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: BCRC Request for Funding