

Minutes of the Shared City Partnership Meeting

The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approved and adopted the minutes and recommendations from the Shared City Partnership Meeting held on 5th February 2024 including:

Shared City Partnership Membership (Verbal Update)

- That members note the verbal update and agree the approach provided by the Good Relations Manager.

Good Relations Shared Learning Forum (Verbal Update)

- The Partnership recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the verbal update.

The Executive Office Asylum Dispersal Funding Update

- The Partnership recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it notes the contents of this report and the risk to services to asylum seekers, if further Executive Office / Dispersal Funding is not provided and if there is a continued reduction in the Good Relations District Council Fund provided by TEO.

Peace IV - Secretariat Update

- The Partnership recommend to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee that it notes the contents of the report and appendices.

PEACEPLUS – Theme 1.1 - Local Action Plan Update

- The Partnership recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and appendices.

Draft Irish Language Policy

The Committee considered a report which provided an update in to developing a corporate Irish Language Policy and seeking Members views on the current draft.

During discussion, a Member submitted a number of additional comments which she requested to be included within the draft policy. A further Member indicated that her Party would require a briefing on the draft before the final Policy was submitted. The Committee acceded to both requests and accordingly it:

- Noted the informal consultation responses which have been received;
- Approved the suggested amendments to the draft Policy;
- Agreed that the further amendments circulated by a Member at the meeting be included in the draft;
- Noted that a final draft would be presented to a subsequent meeting of the Committee for the purposes of public consultation once the Section 75 screening has been undertaken; and
- Agreed that briefings be held on the draft policy for those Parties who so wished.