



Subject:	Partnership Agreements 25/26
Date:	8 th April 2025
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Is this report restricted? Yes No

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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is this report eligible for call in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise members of the existing Partnership Agreements that are in place to deliver services aligned to Neighbourhood Services activity. Members are asked to approve future funding to continue these partnership agreements in 25/26.

2.0	Recommendations										
2.1	<p>It is recommended that Committee;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree to continue funding to each of the partners at the same level for the 25/26 financial year (£91,209) • Note that council is not in a position to provide an inflationary award to these groups there is no additional in year budget. 										
3.0	Main report										
	<u>Background</u>										
3.1	Members are aware that City & Neighbourhood Services work in partnership with a number of organisations that share common strategic objectives and that some of this work is supported through annual funding agreements to deliver against agreed outcomes.										
3.2	In 2021/22, an extensive review of the Partnership Agreements listed below was completed; the review concluded that the agreements provided strategic alignment, added value to the Council/City and were value for money. In line with these findings, council agreed that these partnership funding arrangements should continue at the same level to deliver services since that time.										
3.3	Members are asked to approve that these awards be issued at the funding levels indicated in the table below for 25/26.										
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3.4	<p><u>Financial implications</u></p> <p>The total financial allocation to these partner funding arrangements is £91,209. These budgets have been agreed as part of rate setting for 25/26.</p>										
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications and Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>These agreements have been found to support delivery of Belfast Agenda outcomes and as such will have a positive impact on Equality, Good Relations and Rural Needs.</p>										
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached										
4.1	N/A										