

Council progress on implementing the NR action plans

Progress is underway to deliver the key actions linked to Belfast City Council within the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plans and is detailed as follows:

1. West Belfast

1. Andersonstown
2. Lenadoon
3. Upper Springfield
4. Greater Falls

2. South Belfast

1. Inner South
2. South West Belfast

3. North Belfast

1. Ligoniel
2. Ballysillan/Upper Ardyone
3. Crumlin/Ardoyne
4. Inner North

4. Greater Shankill

1. Greater Shankill

5. East Belfast

1. Inner East

1. West Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships

1. Andersonstown Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

A review of their action plan was recently completed. Andersonstown and Lenadoon NRPs have recently amalgamated Economic, Education and Health sub-groups and, as a result, some actions have been revised. This activity did not affect any actions relating to the council.

In early 2009 the partnership held a planning day to review the NR action plan and to look at the delivery of NR across the partnership area. The partnership has recently recruited to their post of Neighbourhood Renewal Officer who will be dedicated to ensuring the delivery of their action plan.

Priority areas: Based on the current Action Plan the priority areas are: community safety, young people, older people, physical environment, cleansing and waste management, jobs and training, children and families, health and wellbeing, public realm projects, community facilities, information and advice services, culture, arts and tourism.

Council involvement to date: In addition to the statutory functions that the council carries out in the NRA, a number of specific actions have contributed to the delivery of NR:

- A formal response has been made to the action plan and a proposed plan to deliver council actions has been drafted for council.
- A council officer is currently represented on the Partnership.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer in the SNAP Team has been appointed to work with the NR representative and the Partnership to help co-ordinate delivery of NR actions pertaining to council.
- All NR actions have been coded on our database and categorised by relevant council theme and aligned with relevant council services
- A resource directory has been produced for the Partnership, which provides a breakdown of council services, local staff and initiatives.
- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed. This information will contribute directly to the Partnership's action in relation to the audit of service provision in the area
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided the following: training in mental health; a health awareness day; portable gym training sessions; a youth conference; sports coaching; a sports and fun day for young children; a community facelift project; a community garden project; and a community relations project.
- The award of £310.00 funding from council's Health and Wellbeing Thematic Working Group towards the delivery of Andersonstown Health Day and specifically the hire of interactive sports equipment for young people activities.
- A short term action plan setting out a series of proposed BCC 'quick wins' has been presented to and agreed by the Partnership. In late 2009 was circulated around the Working Groups for progression.
- Specific actions from the plan that have been delivered include:
 - Joint organisation and delivery of a Health Day Andersonstown Leisure Centre in January 2010 by council and Andersonstown NRP. The event aimed to help local people improve their health and wellbeing and successfully brought health professionals, holistic therapists, as well as representatives an range of local organisations (including a number of council services) on hand to offer expert advice and support to local people. The Health Day was split into three sessions focusing on advice and activities for seniors; mothers and pre-school children; and young people.
 - The March 2010 completion of the cosmetic enhancement of over 65 shop frontages on the Andersonstown Road from Casement Park down to Finaghy Road North, in addition to a number of other shop identified units in the area, as part of a

commercial improvement scheme under the Renewing the Routes initiative.

- Officers from the council's Dog Warden team attended an Environmental subgroup meeting in June 2009.
- A hanging basket project developed with Riverdale Residents Association.
- The Partnership has been provided with technical information on council initiatives and maps of the NRP area.
- Security barriers have been fitted at the car park of Andersonstown leisure centre. The car park is now secured at night to help reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour.
- The provision of resources for a community clean-up.
- An environmental walkabout targeting hotspots in the area took place with officers from Cleansing Services.
- As part of our 'Renewing the Routes' programme in partnership with our Cleansing Team, Andersonstown has benefited from a pilot 'zero tolerance' graffiti removal programme has been completed.
- The Environmental sub-group have been provided with supplies of leaflets on dog fouling and waste bags.
- Schools in the NRA have participated in the council's Young Enterprise economic development programme

2. Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

Lenadoon NRP is currently working with the council and BRO on the delivery of a pilot project to explore joint-working between statutory agencies in the delivery of the action plan. The Partnership continues to work well and is making good progress on the delivery of its overall action plan. It has a close working relationship with the Andersonstown Partnership with which they have recently amalgamated their Economic subgroups and Health sub-groups.

Priority areas: The NRP's five priorities for 2010/2011 as identified through their recent review process are: the development of a Glencolin Community Facility; the development of a multi purpose sports facility; Suffolk Community plan in relation to Suffolk PS site's development into a multi sports facility; the funding of a major environmental improvement scheme at Woodbourne cottages; and securing a guarantee of funding to support BRO funded posts beyond 2011.

Council involvement to date: In addition to the statutory functions that the council carries out in the NRA, a number of specific actions have contributed to the delivery of NR:

- A formal response has been made to the action plan and a proposed plan to deliver council actions has been drafted for council.
- A council officer is currently represented on the Partnership.

- A Neighbourhood Development Officer in the SNAP Team has been appointed to work with the NR representative and the Partnership to help co-ordinate delivery of NR actions pertaining to council.
- All NR actions have been coded on our database and categorised by relevant council theme and aligned with relevant council services
- A resource directory has been produced for the Partnership, which provides a breakdown of council services, local staff and initiatives.
- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed. This information will contribute directly to the Partnership's action in relation to the audit of service provision in the area.
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided the following: a youth achievement awards and celebration event; a 'Glencolin' residential; mental health training; highland and cultural dancing; the purchase of sports equipment; an anti-sectarian and anti-community behaviour course; and a youth providers planning and development day.
- Council officers are currently represented on the Partnership and on the Housing, Environment and Community Safety subgroups
- Ongoing work by council's Good Relations Unit regarding the planned Spring 2010 delivery of a public consultation exercise on the future use of the Suffolk school site.
- Through the 'Re-imaging Communities Project' BCC has been working with the Suffolk Community on the proposed removal of flags.
- An officer from the Department of Parks and Leisure is engaged on a steering committee focusing on an obesity related physical activity and health programmes for young people within the NRA.
- Specific actions from the plan that have been delivered include:
 - BCC Community Safety Wardens were deployed in February 2010 to work throughout the NRA for a number of months following a comprehensive public and community consultation and engagement process with local people.
 - Assistant Area Cleansing Manager has recently undertaken a number of environmental walkabouts of area.
 - Throughout 2009 resources were provided for a series of six community clean-ups and environmental schemes.
 - The Partnership has reported increased community usage of council-owned community facilities. The community centres host community-wide events including events for older people.
 - New recycling facilities have been installed.
 - The ASB officer for west Belfast has been in contact with the Partnership and with local vintners to discuss issues around underage drinking.
 - Schools in the area participated in the council's Young Enterprise programme.

- Council officers are represented on a number of local forums.
- Council officers are represented on a newly established working group set up to help regenerate Woodbourne Village.
- In Spring 2009 Horn Drive community centre facilitated an information event for older people. Council officers from different departments attended the event and hosted information stands.

Pilot with BRO in the Lenadoon NRA

At the Development Committee meeting of 10th December 2008, approval was given to work with BRO in an exploratory partnership project in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal area in which both organisations could deliver on their commitment to the action plan in a more integrated manner and then apply the lessons learned to other neighbourhood action plans.

Council involvement to date:

- BCC SNAP Team's participation in the Pilot Partnership Scheme's Steering Group along with representatives from BRO and community representatives from Lenadoon NRP.
- Development of an action plan based on the deliver of five short-term community-led projects into which a number of BCC departments will contribute their existing key services. These include an Environmental Project which focuses on the delivery of an environment awareness event, environmental cleanups, and a targeted dog warden initiative; a Community Safety Project involving the deployment of Roaming Wardens into the area, a Community Safety Information Day, and the training of local youth workers; a Men Only Project focusing on an the delivery of an advice seminar on BCC sports grants, a Men Only Health Day, and a mapping exercise of service provision in the area; an Older Persons Project focusing on the delivery of an information and advice day; and finally an intergenerational initiative.
- The coordination of BCC services' contribution to the delivery of each of the project actions through a process of 'cross departmental working' with key Council officers from the Development Department, the Department of Health and Environmental Services, and the Department of Parks and Leisure; and the drafting of their collated information into five internal project plans.
- The preparation of cost estimations of the existing resources that council services would potentially be delivering through the projects (estimated at £20,000). This exercise was completed at the request of BRO to inform their decision making regarding their contribution to the overall initiative.
- Development of objectives and performance indicators to both measure the impact of the projects, and the 'added value' of the BCC/ BRO partnership approach to the delivery of Neighbourhood Renewal at a local level. The purpose of this is to ensure that both good practice and lessons learned can be applied in the delivery of other neighbourhood renewal action plans in the future.

At the moment discussions are ongoing between BCC and BRO on the nature of the relationship between the two organisations within the joint partnership initiative. This has come about after BRO's request that BCC submit a funding application, and take lead responsibility for its administration, as the means for the NRP receiving any BRO funding for the five community-led projects. BCC services continue to be committed to the delivery of their various elements of the projects within the Greater Lenadoon area.

The SNAP Team continue to work interdepartmentally within the council to coordinate the contribution of services into the five projects; as well as alongside council officers from these services within individual project groups established by the NRP to take forward the community-led projects.

A number of the projects' initiatives and events have already been delivered including the a BCC Sports Grants Advice Seminar facilitated by officers from Leisure Services in January 2010 as part of the Men Only Project; and the delivery of a Community Safety Event at Horn Drive Community Centre on Monday 8th March. In addition the deployment of BCC Community Safety Wardens to into the NRA for a number of months has been ongoing since February 2010.

Furthermore this month our council services will contribute to the delivery of two events in the Greater Lenadoon area, including an Environmental Education Day on Monday 15th March at Suffolk Community Centre; and a Seniors Event on Tuesday 23rd March at Glen Community Centre.

The 'added value' of this partnership working approach, and the success of the individual projects, will be evaluated at the end of the process.

3. Upper Springfield and Whiterock Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

Upper Springfield NRP revised their action plan in 2008. In November 2009 the NRP held an action plan review day and held discussions about their governance structure and specifically the role of their subgroups. The NRP have recently employed a new Neighbourhood Renewal Officer who will be dedicated to ensuring the delivery of their action plan. The partnership continues to work to deliver NR actions.

Priority areas: The current action plan's priorities for 2010/2011 as identified in their Jan recent review process are: Community Development and Community Safety - through support of Federation of Residents Associations and Upper Springfield Community Safety Forum and sponsoring of training opportunities for local residents; Economic /Physical renewal – development of Capital build project and specifically tendering an initial feasibility study and providing subsequent support; Social Renewal – Mol an Oig subgroup's continued development to promote joined up work of area Youth Providers.

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- A council officer is currently represented on the Partnership.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer in the SNAP Team has been appointed to work with the NR representative and the Partnership to help co-ordinate delivery of NR actions pertaining to council.
- All NR actions have been coded on our database and categorised by relevant council theme and aligned with relevant council services
- A resource directory has been produced for the Partnership, which provides a breakdown of council services, local staff and initiatives.
- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed. This information will contribute directly to the Partnership's action in relation to the audit of service provision in the area.
- A short term BCC action plan setting out a series of BCC 'quick wins' has been presented to the Partnership and has in Winter 2009 was circulated for consideration.
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided the following: a cleanup of senior citizens property; the creation of a mosaic based on the history of turf lodge; and health and wellbeing seminar evenings.
- A BCC Community Safety Officer has recently engaged with the Community Safety subgroup.
- Council have invested in the refurbishment of a local playground
- Schools in the area participated in the council's Young Enterprise programme
- Council manage and maintain the new playground and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Britton's Parade - the Pat O'Haire playground.
- Specific actions from the plan that have been delivered include:
 - A number of projects have been completed under the Greencare III programme and the Renewing the Routes scheme. In 2009 new improvement schemes implemented as part of the Renewing the Routes Scheme include a colourful new mosaic at the entrance to the Sliabh Dubh estate, a new garden of reflection at Springfield Park which has transformed an anti-social behaviour hotspot; and the recent approval for the installation of a large art piece at the green area at the top of the Whiterock/Springfield Road junction with the theme of the

'protection of the Black Mountain'. In the past area has also benefited from a range of environmental improvement schemes, public art projects, commercial improvement schemes, tree planting and public realm projects.

- In September 2009 Work West started delivery of new BCC programme for groups/individual at pre start stage of development of social enterprise ideas.
- The delivery of anti-litter workshops in schools, youth groups, community groups by Cleansing Services' Community Awareness Team.
- The council's local community centre continues to host events linked to Partnership.
- The Partnership has developed strong links with officers from the Community Safety team.
- The Partnership worked with the council's Dog Warden team on the co-ordination of targeted services in the area.
- BCC Assistant Area Cleansing Manager participated in an ASB focused environmental walkabout of the area.
- Provision of additional promotional information on blue bin collections for area by BCC Waste Management and Promotions Team.

4. Greater Falls Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

Consultants were appointed by the Partnership to carry out a review of their action plan in January 2010. The Economic subgroup reviewed and revised NR actions earlier this year under 'Training, job creation and economic development' and prioritised eight actions. The Partnership continues to meet monthly to progress their action plan.

Priority areas: The existing action plans priorities are: Education, training, job creation and economic development, environmental improvements, children and family support, young people, health and well-being, culture, sport and leisure and community planning.

Council involvement to date: In addition to the statutory functions that the council carries out in the NRA, a number of specific actions have contributed to the delivery of NR.

- A formal response has been made to the action plan and a proposed plan to deliver council actions has been drafted for council.
- A council officer is currently represented on the Partnership.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer in the SNAP Team has been appointed to work with the NR representative and the Partnership to help co-ordinate delivery of NR actions pertaining to council.
- All NR actions have been coded on our database and categorised by relevant council theme and aligned with relevant council services

- A resource directory has been produced for the Partnership, which provides a breakdown of council services, local staff and initiatives.
- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed. This information will contribute directly to the Partnership's action in relation to the audit of service provision in the area.
- A short term action plan of proposed BCC 'quick wins' has been drafted and presented to the Partnership for their consideration.
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided the following: a 12 week health and wellbeing project; a drama and DVD project; and a programme for 8-13 year olds looking at a variety of issues including drug and alcohol misuse, physical activity and sexual health.
- Specific actions from the plan that have been delivered include:
 - The February 2010 commencement of work to cosmetically enhance 32 shop frontages at Donegal Road Junction, as the final phase of a commercial improvement scheme under the Renewing the Routes initiative which has seen more than 200 properties on the Falls Road get new shop fronts since 2008. The NR area has benefited from a number projects completed under the Greencare III programme and the Renewing the Routes scheme including:
 - environmental improvement schemes
 - public realm projects
 - extensive commercial improvement schemes
 - graffiti removal projects
 - exterior lighting to local landmarks
 - installation of alley gates
 - public art projects
 - In 2009 a new 'third generation' floodlit pitch at Grosvenor recreation centre was developed and opened in which Council have been instrumental in the provision of support and funding.
 - As part of council's involvement in the re-development of Dunville Park an economic appraisal was completed in early 2010. An internal BCC Risk/ Benefit workshop regarding the refurbishment and future development of the Woodvale and Dunville parks took place on the 4th of March. (Discussion regarding the building of a new playground at Site A are ongoing).
 - In Summer 2009 officer from BCC Community Services engaged with Falls Youth Providers regarding youth issues in the area.
 - BCC is represented through Leisure Services on the Partnership's recently established leisure and Sports Subgroup.
 - In early 2009 officers from Cleansing Services' Community Awareness Team worked with traders from the Clonard area to

organise a community clean-up event. The council provided resources for the event. At the meeting local traders were also encouraged to sign up to the council's 'No Smoke without Litter' campaign. Working with Clonard Residents Association, over 30 local businesses signed up and received a free information pack.

- Council officers from various BCC services have presented at NRP meetings.
- Dunville Park was included in the council's ASB pilot in 2008.
- Installation of new public art piece at Broadway roundabout.
- Beechmount neighbourhood, in the NRP area, was included in the council's pilot 'Alley-gates' project, benefiting from the installation of 39 alley gates.
- Local schools participated in the council's YENI programme.
- Grosvenor recreation centre has been leased from council to Roden Street Community Development Groups under a facilities management lease agreement.
- Willowbank multi-sport facility has been leased by the council under a facilities management agreement.
- The council's Roaming Wardens carried patrols in the Beechmount area from September 2008 from November 2008.

2. South Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships

1. Inner South Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

The Partnership have a new chairperson and have recently undergone a process of reviewing the existing action plan and revising their actions. It is envisaged that these will be the focus of new sub groups in the future (Previously there were no subgroups operating under the NRP). The Partnership has not met very regularly within the last six months due to the recent absence of the Partnership's Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator. The date for the publication of the outcomes of their review process is yet to be confirmed.

Priority areas: The current action plan's priorities are: Housing, community safety, family support, economic development and employment services, community engagement, children and young people, education & children's services, health & well being, promoting good relations.

Council involvement to date: In addition to the statutory functions that the council carries out in the NRA, a number of specific actions have contributed to the delivery of NR:

- A formal response has been made to the action plan and a proposed plan to deliver council actions has been drafted for council.
- A council officer is currently represented on the Partnership.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer in the SNAP Team has been appointed to work with the NR representative and the

Partnership to help co-ordinate delivery of NR actions pertaining to council.

- All NR actions have been coded on our database and categorised by relevant council theme and aligned with relevant council services
- A resource directory has been produced for the Partnership, which provides a breakdown of council services, local staff and initiatives.
- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed. This information will contribute directly to the Partnership's action in relation to the audit of service provision in the area.
- In autumn 2009 a short term action plan setting out a series of proposed BCC 'quick wins' in relation to their overall action plan has been drafted and presented to the Partnership for their consideration. It was advised by the NRP that this could be revisited after the outworkings of their 09/10 review process were known.
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided the following: an urban art forms and civic involvement project based on learning through skills workshops; a capacity development programme based on detached youth work; and an Inner South's Got Talent programme to develop performance, music, skills in children and young people.
- The area has benefited from a number of projects completed under the Renewing the Routes schemes including a mural project, an alleygates scheme, an environmental improvement scheme, and an amenity lighting project.
- The completion of extension works to the 'council leased' Shaftesbury Recreation Centre in December 2009. The £2.3 million upgrade includes an outdoor synthetic pitch, a fitness suite, a hall that can be used for social activities and changing rooms and showers that cater for people with disabilities.

2. South West Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

The NRP held their action plan review day in January 2010, however, the date for the publication of the outcomes of the process are yet to be confirmed. The NRP are planning to establish new subgroups in the coming months. (There are currently no sub groups operating under the NRP). The Partnership continues to meet regularly to progress their action plan.

Priority areas: Based on its existing action plan identified priorities are: public space and the environment, community safety, cleansing and waste management, economic development, community engagement, children and young people, good relations and cultural diversity, health & well being, advice and support services, older people, leisure and recreation provision.

Council involvement to date: In addition to the statutory functions that the council carries out in the NRA, a number of specific actions have contributed to the delivery of NR:

- A formal response has been made to the action plan and a proposed plan to deliver council actions has been drafted for council.
- A council officer is currently represented on the Partnership.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer in the SNAP Team has been appointed to work with the NR representative and the Partnership to help co-ordinate delivery of NR actions pertaining to council.
- All NR actions have been coded on our database and categorised by relevant council theme and aligned with relevant council services
- A resource directory has been produced for the Partnership, which provides a breakdown of council services, local staff and initiatives.
- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed. This information will contribute directly to the Partnership's action in relation to the audit of service provision in the area.
- A short term action plan setting out a series of BCC 'quick wins' has been agreed with the Partnership and is being progressed.
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided the following: an urban art forms and civic involvement project based on learning through skills workshops; a youth outreach and civic involvement programme based on community based activities and a capacity development programme; a youth performing arts development programme focusing on acting, drama and verse; and a youth football programme to build community relations with the wider multi-cultural community.
- Specific actions from the plan that have been delivered include:
 - The area has benefited from the Greencare III programme.
 - The project management of the recently opened MUGA and playground at Nubia Street which the council will be responsible for maintaining.
 - The council invested in Blythefield playground which benefited from a complete refurbishment programme in 2007/2008 with additional investment again 2008/2009).
 - Council officers from Cleansing Services responded to complaints about illegal fly-tipping at the back of shops on Sandy Row resolved the problem.
 - A number of community cleanups in the Greater Village and Sandy Row areas were organised by BCC Cleansing Services in Autumn 2009 as well as in January 2010. BCC Cleansing

staff also participated in an environmental walkabout of the Greater Village area in early November 2009.

- Cleansing Services has also carried out additional duties throughout the year upon request.
- The engagement of BCC Good Relations Unit regarding a community relations strategy is ongoing.
- In 2009 Community Safety Roaming Wardens carried out patrols over three months in the Greater Village area and before that in the Sandy Row area.
- Council officers from a number of services have attended and presented at NRP meetings.
- A council officer from Building Control was nominated as a point of contact for matters concerning the LOTS (Living Over The Shops) initiative. Agreement was granted for the officer's details to be published in marketing material related to the LOTS scheme.
- BCC's Economic Development Unit's engagement with the community and local businesses has been ongoing through a number of programmes such as the HARTE project.
- BCC Heritage Officer has met with a local youth group in the area.
- Additional information has been provided to the Partnership including Good Relations Welcome Guides, the council's A-Z directories and map of the NR area.

3. North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships

1. Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

- Following a seven month deferral of its functions as a Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership, LVNRP resumed meetings in May 2009.
- The partnership is in the process of creating a new short term action plan which will focus its work until June 2011. A consultancy firm has recently been appointed to assist the partnership with the production of the new action plan. Date for the publication of the action plan has yet to be confirmed.

Priority areas: The current action plan has identified the following priority areas: open space and environmental improvements, capacity building, volunteer development, young and older people, interface tension, community safety, housing development, open space and environmental improvements.

Council involvement to date: In addition to the statutory functions that the council carries out in the NRA, a number of specific actions have contributed to the delivery of NR:

- A council officer is currently represented on the Partnership.

- A formal response has been made to the action plan and a proposed plan to deliver council actions has been drafted for council.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer has been appointed to work with the NR representative and the Partnership to help co-ordinate delivery of NR actions pertaining to council. The NDO has met with and continues to meet with members of the Partnership to deliver the action plan.
- A resource directory has been produced for the Partnership, which provides a breakdown of council services, local staff and initiatives.
- All NR actions have been coded on our database and categorised by relevant council theme and aligned with relevant council services.
- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed.
- Council officers from parks, tourism and culture are working closely with the partnership's environmental sub-group in relation to the proposed development of an urban greenway which links Glenbank park, Ligoniel park, land owned by Ligoniel Improvement Association and land secured from private owners to the Belfast Hills. A detailed plan has been produced and launched detailing the greenway proposal.
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided the following: sporting and health/well being activities, healthy eating campaign and education programme, 'grow your own and eat it' horticultural project, activities for young people on preventing anti-social behaviour and a good relations programme
- The council has been instrumental in promoting volunteering opportunities via centre-based activities, involvement in user-groups and via the centre management committee.
- The Parks and Cemeteries section's Outreach Manager is working with groups in the Glenbank and Ligoniel areas to develop a community garden.
- The Ballysillan / Upper Ardoyne and Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships have re-established their Joint Forum
- Officers from Parks have been working with the partnership in relation to the open space landscaping and the Growing Together project in Glenbank park.
- Inter-generational activities are planned for the Community Centre, including a 'Make Do and Mend' talk between older people and local mothers during Waste Week, and a new digital media project involving older people working with local youth.
- A new Community Education Forum has been established (with Council representation) to coordinate / improve / promote educational opportunities within the community. Ligoniel Community Centre was the venue for education classes.

2. Ballysillan Upper Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

The Partnership reviewed and updated its action plan in April 2009 . The Neighbourhood Development Officer continues to work with a partnership sub-group to explore how the council might contribute to the actions to which it has been linked.

Priority areas: educational under achievement, young people, community safety, capacity building, older people, development of open space and environmental improvements, interface tension, dog fouling,

Council involvement to date: In addition to the statutory functions that the council carries out in the NRA, a number of specific actions have contributed to the delivery of NR:

- A council officer is currently represented on the Partnership. The representative is also a member of the Youth sub-group.
- A formal response has been made to the action plan and a proposed plan to deliver council actions has been drafted for council.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer has been appointed to work with the NR representative and the Partnership to help co-ordinate delivery of NR actions pertaining to council. All NR actions have been coded on our database and categorised by relevant council theme and aligned with relevant council services
- A resource directory has been produced for the Partnership, which provides a breakdown of council services, local staff and initiatives.
- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed. This information will contribute directly to the Partnership's action in relation to the audit of service provision in the area
- A summer programme for People aged 50+ was organised via Concorde Community Centre: this involved a range of social and recreational activities, workshops and taster sessions, discussions and talks.. A winter activity programme is currently being delivered providing range of social, recreational and educational activities, focusing on health and well-being
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided the following: Health awareness roadshows, production of health education materials and publications.
- After school, youth activities, summer schemes and other seasonal events are provided for young people in Concorde community centre.
- Ballysillan playing fields and leisure centre are part of the Anti-social Behaviour programme. An action plan was produced for the area in consultation with the local community.
- A week-long community clean-up and environmental education programme was organised for the Ballysillan area called the 'Embrace

Project' in August 2009 which included participation from Community Services, SNAP, Cleansing Services, Waste Management, the Dog Warden service, Community Safety, and Parks and Leisure working in partnership with local organisations, churches and young people.

- The Dog Warden service held information sessions in Ballysillan leisure centre.

3. Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

The Partnership is presently developing its new action plan. Date of its publication has yet to be confirmed.

Priority areas: Based on its current plan the partnership has identified the following priority areas: capacity building, engaging advice services, increase young people, educational achievement, older people, alley-gating, interface areas, improved street lighting, community cleanups.

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- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed. This information will contribute directly to the Partnership's action in relation to the audit of service provision in the area
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided the following: A youth governance and participation programme for 72 young people; development and teambuilding residential for young people.
- Ardoyne Community Centre hosted a council information road-shows, with stalls and information from a range the council service providers
- Groups in the Partnership area received grant aid support from Community Services and Economic Development.
- Thirty-seven alley gates have been installed in the 'Little Americas' and Cavehill areas.

- Staff at Ardoyne community centre delivered a summer intervention programme in the greater Ardoyne area in partnership with fellow youth providers.
- Cleansing Services and Community Services staff took part in a graffiti removal project at Cliftonpark Avenue and on the Crumlin road.
- The Renewing the Routes programme has contributed to the revitalisation of the Crumlin Road with work such as: the refurbishment of the shop frontage at Ardoyne and the landscaping of green space and general planting.
- The community safety wardens have been deployed in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area since November 2009.

4. Inner North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership:

The Inner North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership produced a revised short term (to June 2011) action plan in October 2009. The action plan has 52 actions 33 of which have been linked to council services. The council's Neighbourhood Renewal Representative and Neighbourhood Development Officer have produced a list of quick win actions which could be completed by existing services. The partnership has taken several meetings to discuss its governance and the formation of sub groups. The neighbourhood Development officer will be meeting with the relevant Partnership sub-groups starting in March 2010 to agree a timeframe for the delivery of actions and resource requirements.

Priority areas: physical and economic development, health and wellbeing, children and young people, community infrastructure and capacity building, educational attainment, arterial routes, graffiti and vandalism, , creating shared space, high level of antisocial behaviour.

Council involvement to date: In addition to the statutory functions that the council carries out in the NRA, a number of specific actions have contributed to the delivery of NR:

- A council officer is currently represented on the Partnership.
- A formal response has been made to the action plan and a proposed plan to deliver council actions has been drafted for council.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer has been appointed to work with the NR representative and the Partnership to help co-ordinate delivery of NR actions pertaining to council.
- All NR actions have been coded on our database and categorised by relevant council theme and aligned with relevant council services
- A resource directory has been produced for the Partnership, which provides a breakdown of council services, local staff and initiatives.
- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed. This information will contribute directly to the Partnership's action in relation to the audit of service provision in the area
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a

programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via “URCity2” the partnership provided a range of art workshops and joint activities which promoted good relations within the area. The artwork produced by the children and young people was showcased in St. Kevin’s Hall.

- Community Services has delivered and is currently evaluating a pilot capacity building programme which was delivered in Carrick Hill. This pilot programme has been discussed as a possible model to roll out capacity building in other areas in the NRA.
- The Renewing the Routes programme has contributed to the revitalisation of Clifton Street, Carlisle Circus and Antrim Roads. Shop frontage has been refurbished, churches, schools and an Orange hall have had extensive exterior work carried out, and there have been improvements to the landscaping and street furniture.
- The Art for Arterial Routes programme has created public pieces in the Carlisle Circus area.
- The Waterworks is part of the Anti-social Behaviour programme. An ASB action plan was produced for the area in consultation with the local community.
- Cleansing Services have responded to a number of requests for graffiti removal from local organisations in the area
- Several community clean-ups have been organised in the NRA
- Organisations in the area have received funding through Peace III to develop shared space projects.
- The community safety wardens have been deployed in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area since November 2009.

4. Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships

1. Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership:

The Greater Shankill Partnership is responsible for the development of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. A sub group has been established to coordinate the work of nine task groups which have the responsibility of developing the action plan based on nine interrelated themes. The partnership held its second Community Convention in May 2009 which was used as an initial platform to gather views and opinions on the needs of the Shankill neighbourhood and current action plan. The nine task groups have been meeting since May to prepare the action plan. A draft action plan was due to be circulated within the partnership in December for comment and feedback before it is presented to the Shankill community at a convention, the date of which has yet to be confirmed. Once agreed by the partnership and the community it will be presented to statutory and public sector partners.

Priority areas: Based on the current plan the priority areas include: educational attainment, early years provision, youth provision, volunteer recruitment and development, develop tourism, health related services,

older and vulnerable people, the legacy of the Shankill feud, drug and alcohol misuse, antisocial behaviour, development of cultural tourism, strategic regeneration, and development of the arterial routes.

Council involvement to date: In addition to the statutory functions that the council carries out in the NRA, a number of specific actions have contributed to the delivery of NR:

- In November 2008 a council representative was selected onto the Partnership and attends meetings regularly.
- A formal response has been made to the action plan and a proposed plan to deliver council actions has been drafted for council.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer has been appointed to work with the NR representative and the Partnership to help co-ordinate delivery of NR actions pertaining to council.
- All NR actions have been coded on our database and categorised by relevant council theme and aligned with relevant council services
- A resource directory has been produced for the Partnership, which provides a breakdown of council services, local staff and initiatives.
- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed. This information will contribute directly to the Partnership's action in relation to the audit of service provision in the area
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided an art and environmental project 'Buzz of the Shankill' using photography to highlight issues relevant to children and young people. The photographs and work of the young people were showcased.
- The community centres provide facilities to support early years development.
- The Renewing the Routes programme has contributed to the revitalisation of business premises along the Lower Shankill, Shankill and Woodvale Roads.
- The Renewing the Routes programmes has also contributed to the development of the area's tourism potential through the production and placing of signage and via public realm improvement works at four key junctions on the route: Agnes Street, Lanark Way, Woodvale Park and Peter's Hill, The work included resurfacing, emphasising pedestrian-priority areas, planting and street furniture. Associated work includes hanging baskets and street lighting embellishments at the main junctions.
- The Renewing the Routes programme has contributed significantly to the physical regeneration of the greater Shankill area including: Shankill Road Gateways, West Belfast Orange Hall, Woodvale Presbyterian Church, West Kirk Presbyterian Church, Shankill Rest Garden, and Shankill Library.
- A 'Family Tree' sculpture has been erected in Woodvale Park.

- A bronze sculpture has been erected In Brown Square.
- A Community Safety network was established as one of the task groups of the Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership.
- Woodvale Park was selected as part of the Safer Neighbourhood Antisocial Behaviour Pilot programme. The council worked with community groups and members of the public to create an action plan for the park.
- Plans have been progressing steadily on the development of the Woodvale Park. The Neighbourhood Development Officer has been working closely with Stephen Walker, Principal Parks and Cemeteries Development Manager, to gather relevant statistical data about the park's catchment area and explore neighbourhood development and engagement opportunities. The Neighbourhood Development Officer is also participating in the Thematic Co-ordinators Group in relation to the refurbishment of both the Woodvale and Dunville Parks. An internal BCC Risk/ Benefit workshop regarding the refurbishment and future development of the Woodvale and Dunville parks took place on the 4th of March.

4. East Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships

1. Inner East Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

The Partnership carried out a review of its action plan in January 2009. At its meeting in March 2009, the Partnership decided that it would meet once every two months instead of monthly.

Priority areas: development of Templemore Avenue, Holywood Arches, Newtownards Road, link with Titanic Quarter, transportation, housing, Connswater Community Greenway, educational achievement, lack of youth facilities, weak and ad hoc community infrastructure, interface tension and crime.

Council involvement to date: In addition to the statutory functions that the council carries out in the area, a number of specific actions have contributed to the delivery of NR:

- A formal response has been made to the NR action plan
- A formal response has been made to the action plan and a proposed plan to deliver council actions has been drafted for council.
- A council officer is currently represented on the Partnership.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer has been appointed to work with the NR representative and the Partnership to help co-ordinate delivery of NR actions pertaining to council.
- All NR actions have been coded on our database and categorised by relevant council theme and aligned with relevant council services
- A resource directory has been produced for the Partnership, which provides a breakdown of council services, local staff and initiatives.

- A detailed statistical breakdown and audit of services within the area has been completed. This information will contribute directly to the Partnership's action in relation to the audit of service provision in the area
- Via our Services for Young People group and Community Services the partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October 2009. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided: Connecting cultures through music and radio project, creativity and arts activities, youth diversionary activities, gardening and environmental workshops/activities, drama workshops, health and well-being workshops and activities and programmes to explore and share cultures.
- It was agreed by the partnership that the seven actions relating to physical regeneration and transportation would be best placed in the East Belfast Strategic Regeneration Framework.
- The council has been an active partner in the planning of the Connswater Greenway Project and will contribute over £3 million to its development.
- The Community Safety roaming warden scheme has worked in east Belfast areas over the past year in The Mount, Newtownards Road and Short Strand.
- Avoniel Park, Avoniel Leisure Centre, Orangefield Park and Dixon Playing Fields are part of the Safer Neighbourhood Antisocial Behaviour Programme.

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