

Neighbourhood Renewal: BCC progress towards implementation

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
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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

Andersonstown Neighbourhood Partnership recently completed a review of their action plan, six new priorities have been identified and are included in the revised plan. Andersonstown and Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership 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.

Priority areas: Based on the current Action Plan the priority areas are: community safety, young people, older people, physical environment, cleansing and waste management, skills & employment, children and families, health and wellbeing, public realm projects, community facilities, community development, 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 Neighbourhood Renewal Area (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 is working with the BCC Neighbourhood Renewal 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
- Community Services have provided grant funding for each of the Neighbourhood partnerships to deliver the 'Ur City 2' programme for young people in 2009 & 2010. In 2009, funding was used to deliver the following activities: 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.
- 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 completion of the cosmetic enhancement of over 65 shop frontages on the Andersonstown Road from Casement Park down to Finaghy Road North in March 2010. This was 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.
- Council assisted with 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.
- Resources have been provided for some community clean-up events.
- 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.
- Member groups represented by the partnership have accessed a number of council grant aid programmes.
- Council officers from Parks have been working with residents groups to address issues in North Link playground and playing fields. The park has benefited from small improvements as part of the council's Safer Neighbourhoods ASB project.

At the last NRP meeting on 22 October 2010 a short-medium term action plan pertaining to council was presented to the partnership. A further meeting has been scheduled to agree a series of actions that council can help deliver on. Some of the actions already agreed and are currently being progressed include:

- Officers from a range of council services will be participating in a schools programme as part of the 'Healthy Choices' pilot initiative being rolled out across the NRP area and

Lenadoon/Suffolk NRP area. Officers from Cleansing, Waste Management, Dog Wardens and Parks will be delivering a series of workshops in schools between January-June 2011. Details have yet to be finalised.

- A meeting took place with Community Safety officers to discuss community safety issues and concerns and relevant action. Further meetings are to be held to look at co-ordinating a more joined up approach to tackling issues in the community. The first multi agency meeting is scheduled for 25 November 2010.
- An officer from Economic Initiatives recently attended the economic subgroup meeting. Following this, the subgroup requested a range of information including current BCC programmes and activities, breakdown of participants accessing economic initiatives programmes by area etc. The possibility of regular subgroup representation was also discussed.
- Our Youth Forum co-ordinator is scheduled to meet with members of the NRP to talk about the council Youth Forum and possible support for setting up a similar structure in the NRP area.
- For the 2nd year running, the partnership received a grant of £5,000 from our 'Ur City 2' programme which is co-ordinated by our Children and Young People's unit in Community Services. The grant will be used to fund a series of activities including an environmental programme, a community safety project, an art project and the development of a youth forum.
- Our Cleansing Enforcement officer responded to a request from the partnership to investigate cleansing issues at Shaws road shops. Contact has been made with landowners and efforts will be made to encourage landowners to take greater responsibility for cleansing the area.

2. Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

The partnership is working very well and the review of the NR action plan demonstrates the extent of progress that has been made in recent years. It has a close working relationship with the Andersonstown Partnership with which they have recently amalgamated their Economic subgroups and Health sub-groups.

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 Housing, Environment and Community Safety subgroup of the partnership is very strong and has been extremely successful in addressing a number of local issues and progressing a host of actions within the NR action plan. An update on the Lenadoon pilot is contained within Appendix 2.

Priority areas: The partnership continues to work well and have detailed within the revised NR action plan, a number of flagship projects including:

- 1) Development of a community facility and safe play area at Glencolin,
- 2) Guaranteed funding to support BRO funded posts and services beyond 2011
- 3) Development of a multi purpose sports facility for all ages
- 4) Suffolk community plan in relation to Suffolk Primary School site to be developed to reinstate/create a shared educational facility
- 5) Funding to create a major Environmental Improvement scheme at Woodbourne Cottages and surrounding area.

Other **priority areas** include community safety and ASB, lack of community facilities, education and employment, mental health and well being, children and young people, older people, cleansing and waste management, housing and the physical environment.

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 is working with the BCC Neighbourhood Renewal 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.
- Community Services have provided grant funding to each Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership to deliver the 'Ur City 2' programme for children and young people. In 2009, the grant was used to fund the following activities: 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
- Through the 'Re-imaging Communities Project' BCC has been working with the Suffolk Community on the proposed removal of flags.
- An officer from Parks and Leisure Department is engaged on a steering committee focusing on an obesity related physical activity and health programmes for young people within the NRA.
- 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.
- The council's local community centres continue to host events and activities linked to the work of the Partnership
- In summer 2010 the council, through our Safer Neighbourhoods Programme, funded a week long, IFA soccer skills camp in Lenadoon Millennium Park.
- Through our Park's and Leisure department council have funded a series of improvement works at the Half Moon Lake, these include:
 - Repair and made good all interior pathways
 - Replaced vandalised wooded Jetties and railings with new steel structures
 - Trimming of trees and hedge rows

- Provision of new council signage and commissioning of additional historical signage
- Removal of Fly Tipping Rubbish
- Repairing of perimeter fencing
- Commissioning of rubbish bins and seating
- Collaboration with Forum and Local Residents / User groups
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- The Millennium Park playground facility in Lenadoon is included in the council's playground refurbishment scheme for 2010/2011 and will benefit from council investment.
- Council is formally represented on SLIG steering group (Suffolk/Lenadoon Interface Group).
- Council is also represented on the Suffolk Primary School working group.
- BCC officers are represented and involved in the 'Healthy Choices' obesity pilot currently being rolled out across the NR area.
- With funding secured through Peace III, a community garden initiative has been supported, '**Growing Together**' – involving the creation of two community gardens in Lenadoon Community Centre and Suffolk Community Centre. The gardens have been established as shared community spaces and cross-generation learning environments.
- Member groups represented by the partnership have accessed a number of council grant aid programmes.
- For the 2nd year running, the partnership recently secured a small grant through our 'Ur City 2' programme. The funding will be used for a range of activities including a residential, purchase of sports equipment, workshops and the delivery of 'Youth Achievement Awards'.

Please see Appendix 2 for an update on the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Pilot

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. In April 2010 the partnership agreed a new, more focused Neighbourhood Renewal action plan which details a series of priority actions for the year ahead.

Some months back the NRP recruited a new Neighbourhood Renewal Officer and they will be dedicated to ensuring the delivery of their action plan. The partnership continues to work to deliver NR actions.

Priority areas: The new priorities agreed for the year ahead include supporting the development of progressive community development and community safety within the USWNRP, implementing a communications and marketing strategy, strengthening existing support to families through the various support groups and initiatives in the area to enable them to access opportunities to improve life chances and employability in the present economic climate, support the development of a capital build project within the NRA which addresses the key themes of economic, social, physical and community, continue to develop the 'Mol an Ogie' and 'Mature for Sure' subgroups to promote the joined-up work of area youth providers (ages 0-25); and to ensure the health, safety and well being of older residents in the area, build on success of the community events of the past year and use these opportunities to promote and extend the work of the partnership leading to greater benefit for everyone in the area, continue to implement the agreed priorities of the health subgroup to improve health in the NRA by focusing on issues of mental health, physical health and disability and management of transition to RPA.

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:

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- A council officer is currently represented on the Partnership.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer in the SNAP Team is working with the BCC Neighbourhood Renewal 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.
- Community Services have provided grant funding for each Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership to deliver the 'Ur City 2' programme in 2009 & 2010. In 2009, with the funding 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.
- 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 – Mc Crory playground.
- 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 included a colourful new mosaic at the entrance to the Sliabh Dubh housing 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 the 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 a 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.
- Council's official NR rep also sits on a number of NR subgroups.
- The council's local community centre continues to host events and activities linked to the work of the Partnership.
- The Partnership has developed strong links with officers from the Community Safety team and both the Community Safety manager for West Belfast and the ASB officer, regularly attend residents meetings and the Upper Springfield Community Safety forum.
- The partnership secured council funding to deliver diversionary programmes for children and young people during the summer months.
- 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.

- The council is formally represented on the Black Mountain Shared Spaces project which has been set-up to progress an innovative cross community, shared spaces initiative. One of the key projects is the development of a capital build project.
- Council officers have attended a number of meetings including attendance at a planning residential for the Black Mountain Shared Spaces project. Technical advice was provided at the planning day.
- Through the council's 'Ur City 2' funding programme, for the 2nd year running, the partnership recently secured a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a Halloween Feíle event. The event was also delivered in partnership with other local agencies, officers from BCC's Parks and Leisure and Community Services unit.
- Springhill Millennium Park has been included in the council's proposed playground refurbishment scheme for 2010-2011.
- Member groups represented by the partnership have accessed a number of council grant aid programmes.

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 plan 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 from Community Services is currently represented on the Partnership.
- A Neighbourhood Development Officer in the SNAP Team is working with the BCC Neighbourhood Renewal 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
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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.
- A short term action plan of proposed BCC 'quick wins' has been drafted and presented to the Partnership for their consideration.
- Community Services have provided grant funding to each Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership to deliver the 'Ur City 2' programme for children and young people in 2009 & 2010. In 2009 with funding received, 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.
- In February 2010 work commenced to cosmetically enhance 32 shop frontages at Donegall Road Junction, 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 of 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. 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.
 - In Summer 2009 officers 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 is included in the council's Safer Neighborhoods ASB pilot.
 - The Beechmount 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 Group 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 out patrols in the Beechmount area from September 2008 to November 2008.
 - Our Community Services Area manager for West Belfast represents council on the Dunville Park working group and is also the official council rep on other working groups linked to the partnership.
 - Our Community Development Worker in Divis Community Centre sits on the Youth Providers forum, a subgroup of the NRP and has assisted with the delivery of a number of projects and initiatives including a recent Halloween festival.
 - The council's local community centre continues to host events and activities linked to the work of the Partnership.
 - The partnership secured council funding to deliver diversionary programmes for children and young people during the summer months.
 - Council officers from Cleansing community education and awareness and Waste Management education teams are working with Clonard Residents Association on the delivery of an anti-litter and waste management project. Targeting young people attending local training colleges, workshops will be delivered and clean-up events organised.
 - Groups from the NR area are involved in the council's 'Respect through Sport' programme. The Peace III funded initiative is being delivered in the council's Indoor Tennis and Ozone Complex.
 - SITE A, a new playground in Springfield Avenue is nearing completion. Funded by BRO, once completed, the facility will be handed over to council to manage and maintain.
 - For the 2nd year running, the partnership was recently awarded a grant under the council's 'Ur City 2' funding programme to deliver programmes and activities to

children and young people, these include a mural project, a youth residential linked to the setting up of a new forum for the area.

- Officers from Park's are currently working with the local Irish language school in Iveagh on the development of a learning garden in Willowbank Park.
- Willowbank Park has also been included in the council's playground refurbishment programme for 2010/2011.
- Member groups represented by the partnership have accessed a number of council grant aid programmes.

2. South Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships

1. Inner South Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

A new Urban Regeneration officer has recently been recruited by the South Belfast Partnership Board and will be responsible for co-ordinating partnership meetings including subgroup meetings. The officer is currently setting up 6 new subgroups for the Inner South NRP. There will also be an analysis of the partnerships reviewed action plan with a view to helping prioritise a series of new actions for the year ahead. 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 also elected a new chair at the beginning of the year.

The Partnership has not met very regularly 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:

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- A council officer from Community Services is currently represented on the Partnership.
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- 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 plan 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.
- Community Services have provided grant funding to each Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership to deliver the 'Ur City 2' programme for children and young people in 2009 & 2010. With the funding received 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.

- An officer from the Economic Development unit presented to the partnership on the employability plans for Titanic Quarter.
- For the 2nd year running, the partnership has recently been awarded a grant under the council's 'Ur City 2' funding programme to deliver programmes and activities to children and young people. The grant will fund a series of dance and drama workshops that will culminate in a joint performance showcased by children and young people from all areas represented by the partnership.
- Council officers will be represented on the newly established subgroups. Officers from SNAP, Community Services, Good Relations, Economic and Leisure Development will be offering advice and support.
- The partnership is participating in a Community Cohesion initiative, a Peace III funded programme with NIHE as lead delivery partner. Council is represented on the steering group.
- Council officers from Good Relations, Community Safety and Community Services regularly attend meetings in the partnership area to deal with specific issues.
- Groups from the NR area are involved in the council's 'Respect through Sport' programme. The Peace III funded initiative is being delivered in the council's Indoor Tennis and Ozone Complex.
- Member groups represented by the partnership have accessed a number of council grant aid programmes.

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.

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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.
- A short term action plan setting out a series of BCC 'quick wins' has been agreed with the Partnership and is being progressed.
- Community Services have provided grant funding to each Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership to deliver the 'Ur City 2' programme for children and young people in 2009 & 2010. In 2009, with the funding received 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.

- The area has benefited from a number of initiatives as part of the Greencare III programme, this included the construction of a new playground and MUGA at Nubia street, public art projects and environmental improvement projects.
- Council manage and maintain the MUGA and playground at Nubia Street, both were funded through the Greencare III programme.
- The council invested in Blythfield 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 which 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.
- 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.
- The partnership has recently been awarded a grant under the council's 'Ur City 2' funding programme to deliver an Olympic fun camp for children and young people.
- Member groups represented by the partnership have accessed a number council grant aid programmes.
- Council recently funded a 'Halloween' programme of activities at Blythfield multi sport facility.
- Council officers are in discussions with members of the partnership and plan to work together to develop a proposal that will seek to make council assets in the area more accessible to the local communities. The partnership is developing a proposal for the installation of a proposed outdoor gym in Sandy Row (this will be subject to securing funding).

3. North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships

1. Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

- The partnership meets on a bi-monthly basis and is actively progressing its action plan via 4 sub-groups which meet on a monthly basis. The four sub-groups are;
 - Learning, Health and Recreation;
 - Community Cohesion and Events;

- Economic, Employability and Regeneration; and
- Environment and Heritage

Priority areas: The current action plan has identified the following priority areas:

Quick wins: Organise summer events, host a volunteer celebration event, community garden at Glenbank, development of Tir Na nOg park, deliver a range of health and education related programmes, delivery of advice services, delivery of physical activity programme in schools, development of playing fields, Environment/heritage projects (physical builds and educational programmes),

Strategic Actions: tackling under achievement in schools, development of the poly tunnels education programme, increase youth provision, development of the dams infrastructure, tourism development, building an outdoor activity centre, development of community greenway.

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- A Neighbourhood Development Officer has been working 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.
- The Ligoniel Environmental Heritage Project made a presentation to Parks Committee in June. The committee agreed to make a financial contribution of £5,116.14 to support the group's application to the Biffaward (Landfill Communities Fund Scheme).
- The Parks manager is a member of the Partnership's Environment sub-group and works closely with the group in relation to the implementation of environmental actions.
- Community services provided grant aid through the "URCity2" programme in 2009 and 2010. The partnership received a grant of approximately £5,000 to deliver a programme of activities for young people between September and October 2010. With the funding received via "URCity2" the partnership provided the following: Good relations and activity programme for 4-11 year olds, intervention activities at the interface, mini-soccer programme, building good relations through the fishing club and refurbishment of the dams.
- 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- active participation with the Council's two Neighbourhood Renewal Representatives
- 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.
- Officers from Community Safety have been regularly with representatives to progress community safety actions
- The council fund advices services via the North Belfast Advice Partnership and CAB.

2. Ballysillan Upper Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

- The partnership meets on a bi-monthly basis and is actively progressing its action plan via 4 sub-groups which meet on a monthly basis. The four sub-groups are;
 - Economic
 - Education
 - Health
 - Children and Young People

Priority areas: The current plan has identified the following priority areas;

Quick wins: small/local business development, promote social business, delivery advice services, deliver health development programmes, conduct a audit of service provision within the area, establish a youth providers forum, volunteer development, closer working relationships developed between service providers, deliver a good relations programme for young people.

Strategic Actions: Mapping education provision, research best practices to increase educational attainment, development of social enterprise centre and childcare facilities, re-training programmes for unemployed, physical/environmental improvement of the area (arterial routes), increase levels of literacy and numeracy, assess adult educational need, lobbying for resources/services

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 is working 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
- Community Services provided grant funding of £5,000 to the Partnership in 2009, via the URCity 2 Programme to deliver a range of activities for young people between August and October. 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 2010 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.
- SNAP have provided some initial analysis of service provision in the area to the partnership.
- The council fund advises services via the North Belfast Advice Partnership and CAB.
- 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- active participation with the Council's two Neighbourhood Renewal Representatives
- Officers from Parks have been working with the partnership in relation to the open space landscaping and the Growing Together project in Glenbank park.
- The council has been instrumental in promoting volunteering opportunities via centre-based activities, involvement in user-groups and via the centre management committee

3. Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

- The partnership meets on a monthly basis and is actively progressing its action plan via 4 sub-groups which also meet on a monthly basis. The four sub-groups are;
 - Community Life,
 - Economic, Education and Employment,
 - Youth and
 - Health and Wellbeing.

Priority areas: Based on its current plan the partnership has identified the following priority areas:

Quick Wins: Delivery of pre-employment programme, Provision of allotments and community gardens at interfaces, Audit of health service provision, audit of community provision, Sports coaching, Intergenerational activity programme, Mapping out where young people congregate in order to target resources, Volunteer development, Community art at interfaces, Delivery of advice services.

Strategic Actions: To establish a Development Trust for Girdwood/Gaol sites, Develop social enterprises, Extension of Good neighbourhood Scheme, Development of a range of health improvement programmes, Development of a Youth Empowerment and Participative Structure, Extend Arterial Routes Programme, Business Plan for Marrowbone Football Pitch.

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 is working 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
- Community Services has provided a grant of approximately £5,000 through the URCity2 programme in 2009, to deliver a programme of activities for young people between August and October. 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-show, 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 council fund the delivery of advice services via the North Belfast Advice Partnership and CAB
- The community safety wardens were deployed in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area November 2009- January 2010.
- Ardoyne Community Centre hosted a celebration event of the Partnership's services and achievements in October 2010 which was attended by DSD Minister Alex Attwood.
- The Community Development Officer from Ardoyne Community Centre produced the business plan for the development of a Multiuse sports facility in the Marrowbone Area.
- Officers from Parks are involved in the development of proposals for allotments and community gardens in several interface areas within the neighbourhood.

4. Inner North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership:

- The partnership meets on a bi-monthly basis and is actively progressing its action plan via 4 sub-groups which meet on a monthly basis. The four sub-groups are;
 - Social and Community ,
 - Physical and Economic,
 - Children and Young People and
 - Health and Wellbeing.

Based on its current plan the partnership has identified the following priority areas:

Quick wins: physical environmental improvements, training peer educators to promote environmental and waste management awareness, promote the development of green/environmental businesses, conduct a health needs analysis, development of poly tunnels and allotments, physical activity programme for young people, consult communities on shared space, promote better use of sports facilities and open space, celebrate different cultures.

Strategic Actions: develop and deliver and Eco-Education programme, lobby for extension of arterial routes, development of Alexander Park, development of social enterprises,

develop an older person's plan, improve access to health related services, develop a physical activity strategy, provision of affordable childcare, improve educational attainment, supporting cultural awareness.

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 is working 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
- Community Services provided grant funding of approximately £5,000 in 2009 and 2010 through the URCity2 programme. With the funding received the partnership provided a range of art workshops and joint activities which promoted good relations within the area.
- Community Services is currently delivering a pilot capacity building programme in Carrickhill .It is anticipated that similar programmes will be provided in other areas pending the implementation of the Community Development Strategy.
- In 2008-09 the Renewing the Routes programme 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.
- In 2009 The Art for Arterial Routes programme has created public pieces in the Carlisle Circus area.
- The Waterworks is part of the ongoing Anti-social Behaviour programme. An ASB action plan was produced for the area in consultation with the local community and is currently being implemented by the council and partner organisations including the local community, Friends of the Waterworks and PSNI..
- 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 were deployed in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area November 2009- January 2010
- Officers from Parks have been involved in the development of a community garden in the waterworks.
- The SNAP team hosted a series of meetings between the Partnership's Economic, and Physical Regeneration sub-group and officers from: economic initiatives, waste management, creative industries, cleansing.

- Officers from SNAP and waste education have hosted meetings to discuss potential social enterprise initiatives relating to green businesses. The Waste Education and Business Development manager arranged site visits for partnership members to recycling businesses throughout the city.
- Direct links have been established between employment schemes and Titanic Quarter via Economic Development Officer
- SNAP officers have actively been involved in the development of the Mt. Vernon Integrated Service Delivery Model.
- The Waste Management Education team will be delivering the Waste Awareness Certificate which is recognised by CIWM (chartered institute for waste management) to 15 participants from North Belfast.
- Council has funded North Belfast Sports Forum to provide activity and coaching programmes.
- Friends of Alexandra Park has been set-up. A consultation exercise has been conducted with the local community regarding the future use of the Park

4. Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships

1. Greater Shankill Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership:

- The Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is a sub-group of the Greater Shankill Area Partnership. The Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership meetings are irregular with the majority of work being delegated to the 9 sub-groups. The sub-groups have operational responsibility for the implementation of the actions based on relevant thematic work areas including:
 - Education
 - Young People
 - Employability, Jobs and Business
 - Training
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Arts and Culture
 - Crime and Community Safety
 - Sports and Leisure
 - Arterial Routes and Environment

The Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership has recently formed a new steering group to oversee the planning and implementation of the Greater Shankill Community Greenway

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, addressing 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 is working 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
- Community Services provided grant aid of approximately £5,000 via the URCity2 Programme in 2009 and 2010. This year the partnership used the £5,000 funding to deliver a Children and Young People's Community Convention.
- 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.
 - Officers from Community Safety are actively involved in progressing the work of the Greater Shankill Community Safety Partnership (GSCSP). The Officers are instrumental in both the strategic and operational tiers of the partnership. In addition to the active Officer support the partnership has received grantaid. A Neighbourhood Development Officer from the SNAP team was involved in facilitating the development of the GSCSP new strategy.
 - 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 SNAP team has provided relevant statistical data about the park's catchment area and explored neighbourhood development and engagement opportunities with officers from Parks.
 - Officers from Parks are actively involved with the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership in the development of plans to create a Community Greenway on the Shankill. The plans for the proposed Greenway were presented to the Parks and Leisure Committee in June, by the steering group tasked with managing the Project. The steering group has a officer input.
 - Three Community Development Officers from Highfield, Woodvale and Hammer Community Centres are actively involved in the Children and Young people's sub-group.

4. East Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships

1. Inner East Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

The partnership meets on a bi-monthly basis. It has no structured sub-groups but will, as the need arises, form issue-based or thematic working groups which are timebound. The Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships works closely with the East Belfast Area Partnership. Many of the members sit on both partnerships

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, support for community organisations, 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 working 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
- It was agreed by the partnership that the seven actions, within the NR Action Plan relating to physical regeneration and transportation would be best placed in the East Belfast Strategic Regeneration Framework. The Council has provided a full response to the East Belfast SRF.
- The Council is working with the DSD and the Area Partnership to ensure that the SRFs can inform the Comprehensive Spending Review.
- The council has been an active partner in the planning and project management of the Connswater Greenway Project and will contribute over £4.2 million to its development.
- Another key priority and action for the Inner East Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership is to gain benefits from the development of the Titanic Quarter. The Council has facilitated access to employment opportunities via the Titanic Signature Project and City Investment Framework.
- 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. An action plan has been produced and is currently being implemented in partnership with the local community and PSNI
- A key action for the partnership is to support community organisations and develop the community infrastructure. Community Services have just completed its restructuring process. Community Development Officers will have responsibility for promoting community development, supporting community groups, building capacity and infrastructure at local area level. The Community Services Area Manager for East Belfast is Council's Representative on the Inner East Partnership and has been actively involved in working with local groups in preparation for the delivery of the services.