



<b>Report to:</b>	Development Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Neighbourhood Renewal Progress
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>												
1.1	<p>Members will be aware that in June 2003, the Department for Social Development (DSD) published 'People and Place: A strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal' a document which aims to tackle the complex, multi-dimensional nature of Northern Ireland's most disadvantaged urban neighbourhoods. In order to progress this Agenda, DSD progressed the establishment of 12 Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships (NRP's) within the Belfast City Council area. Each Partnership was tasked with producing a Vision Framework (7-10 years) and Action Plan (3 years) for the Neighbourhood Renewal area. The 12 partnerships are:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>- Inner East Belfast</td> <td>- Inner South Belfast</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- South West Belfast</td> <td>- Greater Shankill</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Greater Falls</td> <td>- Lenadoon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Upper Springfield</td> <td>- Crumlin/Ardoyne</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Inner North Belfast</td> <td>- Andersonstown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Ligoniel</td> <td>- Upper Ardoyne/Ballysillan</td> </tr> </table>	- Inner East Belfast	- Inner South Belfast	- South West Belfast	- Greater Shankill	- Greater Falls	- Lenadoon	- Upper Springfield	- Crumlin/Ardoyne	- Inner North Belfast	- Andersonstown	- Ligoniel	- Upper Ardoyne/Ballysillan
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1.2	<p>Each Partnership has developed its Action Plan which has been submitted to DSD for consideration. These plans propose thousands of actions that would need to be delivered by a range of organisations in key areas such as housing, health, education, community safety, good relations, employability, community development, culture, tourism, leisure, children and young people, older people and environmental and physical improvement.</p>												

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	<p>The Council has become a key participant in the neighbourhood renewal process and to date a wide range of support has been provided including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overall coordination of council's response to neighbourhood renewal (NR) facilitated through the Strategic Neighbourhood Action Programme (SNAP).</li> <li>- Officer participation and representation provided on all 12 Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships through Community Services.</li> <li>- Action Plan responses prepared for each of the 12 Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships Action Plans.</li> <li>- Implementation of a number of key actions pertaining to the Neighbourhood Renewal Plans.</li> <li>- Provision of area-based intelligence to support the neighbourhood renewal process.</li> <li>- Neighbourhood renewal resource directories prepared for the Partnerships detailing Council services and key staff working in the local area.</li> <li>- Implementation of the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Pilot in partnership with Belfast Regeneration Office (BRO).</li> <li>- On-going work with BRO regarding the development of partnership approaches to the implementation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plans including the Service Delivery Model.</li> </ul>
2.2	<p>An update on progress made with each Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and their plans is provided within Appendix 1.</p>
2.3	<p><u>Likely implications for BCC.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The NRP's are currently completing a review and update of their Action Plans which are scheduled for completion by the end of September. The priorities identified within the plan will form the basis of funding from BRO for the period from April 2012.</li> <li>- BRO has committed all of its funding for NR for the current financial year however there is scope to commence discussions with BRO regarding further joint funding of NR activities similar to the Lenadoon pilot for the next financial year.</li> <li>- Following approval from the Development Committee (April 2011) work is progressing with regard to the Service Delivery Model for Community Development/Infrastructure funding across Belfast- BRO, BCC and Voluntary and Community Unit (VCU).</li> </ul>
2.4	<p>The following activities will be completed by the working group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Audit and map of all the current (recurring) community development/ infrastructure interventions supported by DSD (BRO and VCU) and BCC across Belfast, including funding sources. (Complete)</li> <li>- Produce an options report setting out potential framework within which DSD and BCC support can operate more efficiently and effectively.</li> <li>- Develop the necessary operational processes to take forward the implementation of the new model(s) and programme(s). This will include a period of community consultation.</li> </ul>
2.5	<p>Further updates on this work will be presented to Committee in due course.</p>

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	All human resource implications to be coordinated by the SNAP manager.

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
4.1	There are no Equality and Good Relations considerations attached to this report.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
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<b>7</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
DSD - Department for Social Development	
NRP's - Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships	
SNAP - Strategic Neighbourhood Action Programme	
NR - Neighbourhood Renewal	
BRO - Belfast Regeneration Office	
VCU - Voluntary and Community Unit	

<b>8</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
Appendix 1- Neighbourhood Renewal Update report	