

6. **Proposed New Programme Outline**

Programme Aim

6.1 The research and analysis demonstrated a high level of commonality and overlap between current funding streams. Building upon this analysis set out below is the broad aim and structure of a new joint DSD/BCC.

AIM

"To strengthen local communities, increase community participation and promote social inclusion through the stimulation and long term strategic support of community groups, community development, community activity, capacity building and local advice services".

PROPOSED SINGLE FUNDING PROGRAMME

	Strand 1 - Capacity Building	Strand 2 - Advice	Strand 3 - Facilities
Menu of Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Representation and participation on behalf of their membership or sector. ii. Building capacity at local level appropriate to their community. iii. Campaigning and advocacy on issues such as social justice and equality. iv. Public policy - consultation, influencing and changing public policy. v. Support for the community development process to enable people to contribute to issues which affect their lives and the communities in which they live through 	Generalist Advice including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Benefit Advice form (housing, filling, representation, etc) ii. Consumer rights iii. Debt management iv. Family Matters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Council owned and managed facilities. ii. Community owned and managed facilities. iii. Council owned and community managed facilities.

	<p>empowerment, inclusion, equity, partnership and collective action.</p> <p>vi. Encourage collaboration between voluntary and community sector organisations.</p> <p>vii. Raising awareness and political education (e.g. equality agenda, targeting social need).</p> <p>viii. Organising network events.</p>		
Providers	Successful Consortia across the city	Advice Partnerships	Belfast City Council and Community and Voluntary Organisations
Beneficiaries	Local Residents Groups/Community Groups/Volunteers and Citizens	Local Residents	Local Residents

Based on the research findings and with reference to the strategic direction and assessment of need it is proposed that all of the current funding streams are collapsed into a single revenue programme with three distinct strands. Significant work will be required in terms of developing this outline into a coherent programme that can be delivered on the ground.

Strand 1

This strand is aimed at local consortia delivering a menu of services as detailed above. Consortia performance will be measured against a Performance Management Framework which will be developed over the coming months. This will include a range of outputs/outcomes etc. and can draw on some of the work currently being taken forward by BCC and DSD in this area.

BCC Development Staff will have an important role in terms of developing the skills and capacity of those groups delivering under this strand. The vision will be to develop and enhance the professionalism within these organisations to using the performance management framework and other tools such as the National Occupational Standards as a guide.

Strand 2

This strand is aimed at local consortia delivering general advice services as outlined above. Performance will be measured against a Performance Management Framework to be developed over the coming months and consortia will be expected to move towards a professional 'kite mark'. Input from the larger advice organisations such as CAB may be necessary.

Strand 3

This strand is aimed at supporting general overheads/running costs of those facilities delivering a range of community based programmes and again performance will be measured using an agreed set of indicators. These facilities fall within the categories outlined above. It is expected that this strand should be sufficiently flexible to enable funding of one off small revenue programmes. Those consortia successful under Strand 1 will not be able to secure funding under this strand.