



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Development Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>SNAP and Local Area Regeneration Projects</b>
<b>Date:</b>	17 April 2012
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<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>RELEVANT BACKGROUND</u></b>
1.1	The purpose of this paper is to provide clarification with regards to the role of the SNAP unit and the ten projects that were listed in a report presented to the Committee on 20 March 2012.
1.2	As noted in the previous paper, as part of the budgetary process at the beginning of the financial year the SNAP unit was allocated of £60k to match-fund up to six pilot projects which were anticipated to emerge from the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships through the Department for Social Development's (DSD) Belfast Regional Office (BRO).
1.3	This process was delayed, however, due to the fact that the Neighbourhood Renewal plans were placed under review. As a result, these potential projects did not emerge. Through the culmination of work from the SNAP unit, other units from the Department and local councillors, a number of possible projects were identified that could be funded from this budget.
1.4	In addition to the ten projects, a further proposal from Walkway Community Association (via DSD) was stated. This particular project involved the refurbishment of its community centre, which was of a poor state of repair. BRO indicated that they were keen to work with the council in assisting the group to develop a project and were prepared to part-fund an appraisal. It was anticipated that the cost to the council of such an appraisal would not exceed £7,500.
<b>2.0</b>	<b><u>KEY ISSUES</u></b>
2.1	The SNAP (Strategic Neighbourhood Action Programme) unit was established in 2007 to assist the Council in adapting its services to local area working (LAW). The premise of this idea of LAW is that instead of delivering exactly the same services in the same way across the city, a greater flexibility in the delivery of these services could be considered. The only projects, which the SNAP team have administered in the past were the pilot projects, which emerged from the Neighbourhood Renewal plans as referred to above and more recently, the £100K underspend, which was allocated on a North/South/East/West basis at the end of the 2010/11 financial year.
2.2	With regards to how the previously mentioned projects were selected, the following set of principles were developed and applied during in the decision-making process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• alignment with the Council's present corporate priorities;</li><li>• alignment with priorities outlined in the Council's Investment Programme;</li><li>• expenditure will be within the Council's legal capacity and subject to current financial procedures;</li><li>• learning from the delivery of the project will inform and enhance the development of future local area regeneration projects, especially in relation to the delivery of those projects emerging from the Investment Programme, especially those attributed to the Local Investment Fund;</li><li>• potential to leverage additional funding from other sources;</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>implementation of project will not negatively impact on any Section 75 groups.</li> </ul>
2.3	Furthermore, with the regards to the Investment Programme, a report was presented to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 23 March 2012 which outlines the governance mechanism through which the Investment Programme will be delivered. As subsequently agreed, the formation of five Member Area Working Groups (covering North, South, East, West and Shankill) will enable the prioritisation and monitoring of such local area projects in the future. Thus, from 1 April onwards, members will have a greater capacity to determine how best to allocate projects at a local level.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS</b>
3.1	None identified.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>EQUALITY AND GOOD RELATIONS CONSIDERATIONS</b>
	None identified.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
	It is recommended the Committee note the points outlined in the aforementioned report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>DECISION TRACKING</b>
	In relation to the local area projects, a further report will be brought to the Committee which outlines their progress.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS</b>
	BRO – Belfast Regeneration Office DSD – Department for Social Development LAW – Local Area Working
<b>8.0</b>	<b>DOCUMENTS ATTACHED</b>
	Appendix 1 – list of local area projects

<b>9.0 APPENDICES</b>			
<b>Appendix 1</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Healthy Choices Project</b> (Contact: Heather Horner, ext. 6454)	West	£3,000	Healthy Choices is a health education programme for children within P6 and P7. This project is scheduled to be facilitated in the Half Moon Lake (Lenadoon) and will involve children from five local Primary schools.
<b>Giant's Foot Olympic Art Project</b>	West	£1,500	This project is intended to complement the existing multi-agency themed art

(Contact: Heather Horner, ext. 6454)			work that was created to address severe degradation within the Giant's Foot area. Presently, there is a planned Titanic art work project for the site, but this particular segment will target an adjacent site with a specific focus on the Olympics.
<b>My Lady's Road Community Art Project</b> (Contact: Eiméar Vance, ext. 5458)	East	£6,000	Availability of funding will enable the development of a community art hoarding project for a corner site between the My Lady's Road and the Woodstock Road.
<b>Dee Street Art Project</b> (Contact: Michael Collins, ext. 3791)	East	£5,000	This art project will involve the creation of a new mural at the junction of Dee Street and the Newtownards Road. Initially, the project will require construction work in order to ensure the safety of the premises.
<b>Ardoyne Crèche Facility Study</b> (Contact: Eiméar Vance, ext. 5458)	North	£3,000	Funding will allow the undertaking of a Feasibility Study for the creation of a new crèche facility in the Ardoyne area.
<b>Ligoniel Outdoor Hall Plan</b> (Contact: Eiméar Vance, ext. 5458)	North	£2,500	To provide financial assistance by way of Planning Fees as part of the development of a Ligoniel Hills & Dams Outdoor Centre.
<b>Alliance Avenue site regeneration project</b> (Contact: Eiméar Vance, ext. 5458)	North	£3,000	To support the physical regeneration of site in order to establish community use, including community art mural project in adjacent Park.
<b>Sandy Row Art Project</b> (Contact: Michael Collins, ext. 3791)	South	£3,000	This project will support the creation of a new mural at a site behind TA Allen's furniture store (St George's Gardens) and linking in with a Titanic mural which will be on-site in late March.
<b>Fairy Thorn Garden Project</b> (Contact: Heather Horner, ext. 6454)	South	£1,500	Social economy project to upgrade garden area.