



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Development Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	PEACE III Funding
<b>Date:</b>	8 May 2011
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	Members will be aware that Council was awarded funding under Priority 1.1 of the EU Peace III programme to support programmes and projects which are working to create shared space and positive relations in Belfast.
1.2	The Tourism, Culture and Arts (TCA) Unit has secured funding of £600,000 under PEACE III Phase 2 to deliver two projects. The projects are 100 per cent funded by Peace III. The Development Department has received a Service Level Agreement for each of the two projects.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The two Peace III Phase 2 projects are:
2.2	<b>City of Festivals</b> This project incorporates five strands under a total budget of £300,000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Support for large festivals (10 contracts have been awarded to 14 festivals): £199,909.</li><li>- Management contract to support the development of small to medium community festivals: £50,000.</li><li>- To fund part-time post of 18.5 hours per week over 18 months: £27,000.</li><li>- Festivals Forum support for cross-border networking, skills development and audience development: £23,091.</li></ul>
2.3	<b>Creative Legacies</b> The programme incorporates six strands under a total budget of £300,000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 15 x Development and Outreach Projects: £240,000.</li><li>- Creative Legacies Events (forums; exhibition): £8,000.</li><li>- Training and Skills Development: £10,000.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communications (advertisements; marketing; photography): £10,000.</li> <li>- To fund part-time post of 18.5 hours per week over 18 months: £27,000.</li> <li>- Evaluation: £5,000.</li> </ul>
2.4	A PEACE III Community Arts and Festivals Co-ordinator has been appointed via an internal trawl. They have been appointed on a full-time fixed-term contract to 31 October 2013 to ensure the delivery, procurement, managing, monitoring and evaluation of the PEACE III programmes and in particular to ensure compliance with SEUPB and recoup 100 per cent of expenditure.
2.5	Both projects are included in the Investment Programme 2012–15 and will enhance and spread the benefits of the wider civic celebrations of 2012 and 2013.

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	N/A – The projects are 100% funded by PEACE III and costs will be recouped from SEUPB.

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
4.1	The programmes are designed to improve access among targeted Section 75 dimensions.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
An update report in relation to the impact of funding will be brought to Committee. Timeframe: September 2013                      Reporting Officer: Shirley McCay	

<b>7</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
SEUPB – Special EU Programmes Body.	

<b>8</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
N/A	