



**Belfast City Council**

<b>Report to:</b>	Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Recommendations of the Good Relations Partnership and the Diversity Working Group</b>
<b>Date:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	Members will be aware that currently the minutes of the meetings of the Good Relations Partnership and the Diversity Working Group and any recommendations within those minutes are submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for adoption and approval, subject to ratification by the full Council.
1.2	However, during this period of change there are a number of issues which fall within the remit of those Groups but due to the timeframes and budgetary implications will become the responsibility of the new Council and therefore require approval by the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The decisions/recommendations which require approval are as follows and extracts of the relevant minutes are appended to this report:
2.2	<b>Good Relations Partnership – Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2015</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Relations Action Plan 2015/16</li> </ul>
2.3	<b>Good Relations Partnership – Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Relations Grant Aid Funding – Tranche 1</li> </ul>
2.4	<b>Diversity Working Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015</b>

2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decade of Centenaries</li> <li>• Bicentennial of the Battle of Waterloo</li> <li>• Request for the Use of the City – Orangefest</li> </ul> <p>It should be noted that the minutes of the above meetings were considered by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> March. That Committee had agreed that the minute in relation to the Bicentennial of the Battle of Waterloo be amended to provide that a tree planted at an appropriate locate to mark the event.</p> <p>In addition the Committee agreed that the report on the Review of the Bonfire Management Programme, which has been deferred by the Good Relations Partnership on 9<sup>th</sup> March, be submitted directly to the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for consideration and this appears as a separate item on the agenda.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	None associated with this report.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
4.1	None associated with this report.

<b>5</b>	<b>Call-In</b>
5.1	These decisions will be subject to call in.

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
6.1	The Committee is recommended to approve and adopt the recommendations of the Good Relations Partnership and the Diversity Working Group.

<b>7.0</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>

<b>8.0</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>

<b>9.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
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Appendix 1 – Extracts from minutes of Good Relations Partnership of 9<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March and the Diversity Working Group of 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015