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Dear Peter

I am writing to request the collaboration of Belfast City Council regarding the Minister for Social Development's Nelson McCausland, MLA recent announcement of six Building Shared Communities pilot areas:

- Lower Shankill/Brown Square;
- Lower Oldpark;
- Divis/ Lower Falls
- Andersonstown/Lenadoon;
- Tiger's Bay/Mountcollyer; and
- Doury Road/Ballymena

Since five of the pilot areas are within the Belfast City area, Minister McCausland would value Belfast City Council representation on each of the Regeneration Fora in those areas. The Fora will be tasked with designing and delivering an action plan in their pilot area.

These Fora will have membership from elected representatives, local communities and statutory and voluntary agencies such as the Housing Executive, Housing Associations, the Police, Health and Education.



Fora will be tasked with consulting and engaging with local communities to identify the particular housing and regeneration needs of each area and to develop and implement an action plan with solutions to reverse the decline in their area and create a more sustainable community.

It is envisaged that plans will include proposals for the refurbishment of current housing stock and the development of new social and affordable housing in areas; together with infrastructure improvements and apprenticeship, training and social economy enterprises to improve access to employment within areas. The content of each plan will of course be guided by the particular needs of each area and will be unique to each area.

I would appreciate your consideration as to who from Council would be best placed to take part on each of the Fora in Belfast.

In addition, due to the strategic importance of Council's involvement to the pilot scheme, I would like to invite you to nominate a senior officer to join the Programme Board for this initiative. The Board will have oversight of the Building Successful Communities Programme across all pilot areas. It will be responsible for considering the Business Case for specific interventions in each pilot, and for providing direction to the programme as it develops. The Programme Board will also agree the action plans for each pilot and the monitoring arrangements for overseeing delivery of projects.

I would appreciate your consideration as to who from BCC would be best placed to take part on each of the Fora and on the Programme Board,

*yours sincerely
Will Haire*

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