



Subject:	Area Working Update
Date:	20 th October 2017
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To update Members on the most recent Area Working Group (AWG) meetings and the relevant recommendations to SP&R Committee arising from the meetings.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: AWG minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve the most recent round of AWG Minutes (<i>South – 25th September; North – 27th September, West – 28th September and East – 5th October</i>) as attached at Appendix 1. Social Innovation Challenge Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve that Charter NI receive £15,000 of funding from the Social Innovation Challenge Programme on behalf of the Diamond Residents Group for their Street by Street project.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve that Upper Springfield Development Trust receive £30,000 of funding from the Social Innovation Challenge Programme on behalf of the Social Prescribing Programme (£15,000) and the Community Safety Intervention Programme (£15,000).
3.0	Main report
	<p><u>KEY ISSUES</u></p> <p>AREA WORKING GROUP UPDATES</p> <p>3.1 Members agreed in June 2016 that the Area Working Group minutes would be taken into the SP&R Committee for approval going forward in line with the Council’s commitment to openness and transparency and to ensure a consistent approach with other Member-led Working Groups. Members are asked to approve the most recent round of AWG Minutes (<i>South – 25th September; North – 27th September, West – 28th September and East – 5th October</i>) as attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p>3.2 Physical Programme Members are asked to note that capital investment recommendations made by Area Working Groups to SP&R Committee will be referred to in the Physical Programme Update report, rather than the Area Working Update report.</p> <p>3.3 Social Innovation Challenge Programme Belfast City Council agreed to undertake Locality Planning pilots to test how community planning might be applied at the local area level and to help inform future neighbourhood working. Currently, there are four locality planning projects being delivered across Belfast as follows;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Whiterock, 2. Inner East, 3. Belvoir & Milltown, 4. New Lodge</p> <p>3.4 To support this work, Council agreed to commission the Young Foundation to work with officers to develop a ‘social innovation model.’ The term ‘social innovation’ refers to new ideas or ways of working that aim to fulfil unmet social needs or tackle social problems.</p> <p>3.5 As part of this model, a Challenge Programme is being implemented with funding available in each locality planning area for up to four projects that can be delivered within the area with a maximum £15,000 per project to allow them to be delivered to see if they have potential to become self-sustainable and / or can be scaled and replicated elsewhere.</p> <p>3.6 Inner East Pitch The Diamond Residents Group successfully pitched their ‘Street by Street’ idea to the decision panel on the 20th September and were successful in achieving a score above the pass mark.</p>

- 3.7 The East AWG, at their meeting of 5th October 2017, proposed that the Diamond Residents Group receives an award of £15,000 for the Street by Street project.
- 3.8 The Street by Street project is a resident led project developing volunteering in the local community. Through this project the residents group will set up base in the local area and will undertake a programme of engagement with local residents to encourage new volunteers to get involved in local activities to build their capacity, improve health and well being through participation in a range of resident led programmes and events.
- 3.9 The residents group are currently not formally constituted and are unable to receive the funding directly. They have requested that funding is administered through Charter NI.
- 3.10 **Whiterock Pitch**
The Following projects successfully pitched their ideas to the decision panel on 4th October and were successful in achieving a score above the pass mark:
- 1) **Social Prescribing Programme** - To develop and promote an approach to supporting people with mild to moderate physical or mental health issues through a range of social prescribing interventions and who are currently residents in the Whiterock Upper Springfield area.
 - 2) **Community Safety Intervention Programme** - To develop and promote an early intervention multi-faceted approach to supporting people within the Whiterock/Upper Springfield area who are at low-moderate risk with regards to Community Safety Issues
- 3.11 The groups are requesting that the funding is administered through Upper Springfield Development Trust.
- 3.12 It would be the intention that successful projects are discussed at Area Working Groups before coming to SP&R Committee. However due to the timing of the West AWG in October, it would mean not being able to formally award the money to the successful groups until December. To expedite the process, we are seeking approval from committee to award the funding before it has been discussed at the West AWG. It is intended to discuss the proposal in detail at the meeting of the West Area Working Group on 26th October. Should there be any issues raised at the meeting, it will be possible to withdraw the funding recommendation at full Council.

3.13	<p>FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</p> <p>£45,000 to be awarded from the previously agreed Social Innovation Challenge Programme.</p>
3.14	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>No implications</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Minutes of the Area Working Groups</p>