

## **SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP**

**MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 2018**

### **MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP**

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson);  
Alderman Sandford; and Councillors Attwood,  
Johnston and Walsh.

External Members: Mrs. O. Barron, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust;  
Mr. K. Gibson, Church of Ireland;  
Mrs. G. Duggan, Belfast City Centre Management;  
Mr. M. O'Donnell, Department for Communities; and  
Mr. P. Scott, Catholic Church

In attendance: Mrs. M. Higgins, Senior Good Relations Officer;  
Miss. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager;  
Mrs. D. McKinney, Programme Manager; and  
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillor Nicholl and Mrs. A. Chada, Mr. P. Mackel and Mrs. M. Marken.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 8th January were taken as read and signed as correct.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Alderman Sandford declared an interest in agenda item 5, viz., Support for East Belfast Community Development Agency, as a member of its Board of Directors.

#### **Presentation by the Director of Development - Review of Events and Festivals**

(Mr. D. Durkan, Director of Development, attended in connection with this item)

The Chairman reminded the Partnership that it had requested an update on the progress in respect of the ongoing review of the Events and Festivals Strategy for the City, from a Good Relations perspective.

The Director of Development commenced by providing the Partnership with an outline of the brief and methodology used for the review, which included a review of the City's portfolio, consideration of delivery structures, consideration of the decision making criteria, consultation with stakeholders, benchmarking against other cities and impact modelling. He advised that the aim of this work had ultimately been for new Events and Festivals Strategy for Belfast, 2018-2023.

He advised the Partnership that the consultants had undertaken consultation with stakeholders, and that this engagement had formed an important part of the consultation process.

The Director outlined that the Consultants had classified all events into six categories, namely, mega, major, signature, growth, local and neighbourhood events. He explained that, through their research, they had determined that over 70% of the events which Belfast had hosted were local and neighbourhood events, 25% were growth events, 1% were major events, such as the MTV Awards, and that it had hosted no globally-recognised 'mega' events, such as the Olympics.

The Partnership was advised that benchmarking had taken place against similar sized cities, including Galway, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Aarhus and Rotterdam, in terms of investment and practices. They had compared the amount which each Council invested in its city events and how many of those events that the Council had produced.

The Director of Development then provided an overview of the current Belfast festival and Events portfolio and spend and outlined the new portfolio recommendations as follows:

- FEI recommended that Belfast City Council reposition its investment in events and festivals so as to maximise its return on investment by supporting a smaller number of signature, growth and local festivals to a greater value, enabling the events to better support the priorities of the Belfast Agenda;
- FEI recommended separating the funding and reporting of neighbourhood events from those major, signature, growth and local events;
- FEI recommended that the Council work with partners from Government, Tourism NI and others to bid for Major Events that would offer a proven return on investment using the proposed Investment/Evaluation criteria; and
- that the Council should simplify the complex and fragmented funding of festivals and events in Belfast and adopt the proposed standard classification of events and festivals as Major, Signature, Growth, Local and Neighbourhood. The number of grant programmes that events and festivals could apply to should be simplified following any recommendations arising from the ongoing grants review.

In addition, it was recommended that:

- that the Council should make one bid for a major event every three years;
- hold at least six Signature Events each year (with budgets of £800k);
- hold at least twelve Growth Events each year (with budgets of 50K); and
- deliver a programme for the development for local festivals at an appropriate level, including support for Local Festivals to identify opportunities for growth.

The Director concluded the presentation by taking the Members through the Investment Decision and Evaluations Criteria and Recommendations and also the Governance and Delivery Recommendations associated with the proposal. He stated that, following consultation with the Shared City Partnership, City Growth and Regeneration Committee and within the wider sector, the next steps were anticipated:

- 2018/19 would be used as a transition year;
- an internal Events and Festivals Co-ordination Group would be established;
- a Members Working Group would be established;
- a Strategic Events Partnership would be established; and
- a detailed implantation plan for future years would be developed, this would include getting agreement of the strategy by the City's agencies and setting up an independent delivery organisation.

In response to a Member's question seeking good relations to be being included as part of the Council's criteria for its support for events and festivals and also seeking clarification as to how good relations could be better promoted at every event/festival, the Director assured the Members that he would liaise with the Consultants and the Good Relations Manger to ensure that this was adequately considered within the context of the overall review.

Following a further query, the Director undertook to clarify with the Consultants whether International Day of Peace and St Patrick's Day had been included as part of the review and he also stressed the need to ensure that these events were inclusive and welcoming for all sections of the community. In addition, the Partnership expressed the view that these issues be brought to the Partnership for its input and consideration given the expertise around the table.

The Chairperson thanked the Director for the update provided.

Noted.

### **Update on Peace IV Programme**

The Partnership considered the following report:

#### **"1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues**

**1.1 To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report with respect to the PEACE IV Action Plan.**

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

**2.1 Members are requested to recommend to the Strategic and Policy Resources Committee that an invitation is extended to SEUPB to attend SCP meetings in relation to PEACE IV and agreed the contents of the report.**

#### **3.0 Main Report**

##### **3.1 Background**

**As detailed in previous reports to the Shared City Partnership (SCP) the Belfast PEACE IV Local Action Plan has approved by SEUPB (the funding body) to the value of £8.79m, with varying degrees of conditions.**

### **3.2 Programme Update**

#### **Letter of Offer**

The Council has now received three Letters of Offer totalling £8.79m for the implementation and delivery of each of the strategic themes of PEACE IV as follows:

Building Positive Relations (BPR)	£2.03m
Shared Space and Services (SSS)	£5.09m
Children and Young People (CYP)	£1.66m

The pre-commencement and project implementation conditions are being finalised and agreed Acceptance Forms are to be returned to SEUPB by 7 February 2018.

### **3.3 PEACE IV Programme Launch**

The launch event of the PEACE IV Programme took place on Thursday 18 January 2018 in the City Hall, Belfast.

The launch was an important milestone in outlining the peace and reconciliation opportunities available to the communities across Belfast. Engagement with communities on how to benefit from PEACE IV is ongoing.

The event was well attended with approximately 100+ attendees and attracted significant press coverage in local media

### **3.4 Governance**

AGRS is finalising the review of the Governance Structure for the PEACE IV Programme. The report and recommendations will be presented to members once available. As previously reported, the SCP will then be required to nominate relevant representatives to the appropriate Thematic Steering Groups.

Following receipt of the LOO a Partnership Agreement signed by members of the SCP, as the oversight body for PEACE IV, is required to be submitted to SEUPB. The Agreement is currently being finalised and will be circulated to members when available.

A meeting has taken place with NIHE to discuss the implementation of the approved CYP Local Area Networks project and rebid process. A Partner Delivery Agreement for the CYP project is currently being established.

SEUPB has advised that a representative from their organisation is invited to attend SCP meetings in relation to PEACE IV. Members are requested to agreed this approach.

### **3.5 Procurement**

Compiling of the tender documentation for the commissioning of providers to deliver aspects of the approved projects is underway. A phased approach has been adopted. The first tender specifications have been issued to SEUPB for approval and will be publicly advertised in the coming weeks. Contractors should be appointed by April 2018 and contract awards have also to be approved by SEUPB.

### **3.6 Rebid**

As agreed by members, the rebid for unapproved funding of approx £5.5m is currently underway. The timeframe is very tight as the rebid is to be submitted to SEUPB by 16 February 2018. A workshop with relevant officers and NIHE took place on 25 January and two further workshops are scheduled for early February.

The rebid will focus on

- (i) increasing existing project budgets with elements that were removed by SEUPB.
- (ii) adding value to SSS theme by including a resource allocation scheme for each site.
- (iii) addressing SEUPB concerns regarding value for money and peace building outcomes within projects that were not approved.

SEUPB has issued the relevant documentation for the rebid process and a full and detailed application is required.

### **4.0 Resource Implications**

- 4.1 Recruitment for PEACE IV Secretariat and project delivery posts, as approved in the PEACE IV Local Action Plan, is underway

### **5.0 Equality and Good Relations Implications**

- 5.1 The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015. The development of the local action plan has been screened out with anticipated positive impacts across section 75 categories regarding equality of opportunity and promotion of good relations. Council officers undertook a robust consultation exercise in formulating the proposed projects and format of the forthcoming Peace IV programming period. In line with feedback from this exercise external recruitment will be fully utilised to maximise community interest in advertised vacancies.”

The Programme Manager informed the Members of the specific conditions in respect of the letters of offer, which included revised workplans, contact plans and cross border plans. She also highlighted the specific conditions relating to the Shared Space theme regarding options analysis and the selection of the eleven sites. She advised that

adherence to programme regulations were of paramount importance. Responses to the pre-commencement and project implementation conditions were still being finalised and that the agreed acceptance forms had to be returned to the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) by 7th February.

A copy of the Peace IV Programme Launch leaflet was circulated for Members information. The officer advised that the launch had been a successful event with over 100 attendees.

The Partnership noted the update provided and agreed to recommend to the Strategic and Policy Resources Committee that an invitation be extended to the SEUPB to attend future meetings of the Shared City Partnership where PEACE IV was on the agenda.

### **Review of Shared City Partnership**

The Partnership considered the following report:

#### **“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues**

**1.1 To present Members with a revised report on the findings of the workshop on the review of the Shared City Partnership held on 21st November 2017 and to seek Members’ views on a number of actions.**

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

**2.1 Members are asked to make the following recommendations to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee:**

- **That the composition of the Partnership as outlined in 3.6 should be agreed**
- **To agree the representation on the Partnership from the private sector**
- **That any new members should be recruited on the basis of the gaps identified through a skills audit with the current members and criteria outlined in 3.13**
- **That the amended Terms of Reference of the Shared City Partnership be agreed**
- **That as well as receiving an annual submission of key issues from the Children’s Young People Fora that one would also be requested from the Children and Young People’s Commissioner**

#### **3.0 Main report**

##### **Key Issues**

**3.1 At the last meeting of the Partnership, members were presented with the findings of the participatory workshop held on 21st November 2017 in relation to a review of the Shared**

**City Partnership. Members will be aware that the Partnership had agreed to undertake a review of the role and membership of the Shared City Partnership (SCP) in the light of the Belfast Agenda and the responsibility for oversight of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan as well as the District Council Good Relations Action Plan (DCGRP).**

**3.2 In order to meet the outcomes detailed in the Agenda, the PEACE IV Plan and the TBUC Strategy, the Partnership wished to consider if the current composition of the Partnership was fit for purpose and could strategically advise the Council on the promotion of good relations within the City.**

**3.3 A copy of the report which contains the findings and a draft terms of reference which had previously been circulated is attached at Appendix 1 for ease of reference. These TOR have been amended further to the discussion at the January meeting of the Partnership and the points raised by Members.**

**3.4 Further to the submission of comments and discussion, the Partnership agreed the following:**

- That the recommendation to appoint an external, independent organisation through a quotation exercise to undertake a recruitment exercise to appoint new external members from the community and voluntary sector to the Partnership be adopted as the mechanism by which to recruit;**
- Officers to review the attendance of members over the last 12 months and contact those who had not attended or sent written comments to three or more meetings. Over this timeframe, this would ascertain if they were an appropriate representative and assess their commitment to the revised terms of reference;**
- Existing membership organisations be contacted to ensure that their nominated Shared City Partnership (SCP) representative was the most appropriate, in line with the reviewed Terms of Reference, and establish if the organisation was committed to ongoing participation on the Partnership;**
- Representation from the Trade Unions would be one member from Belfast and District Trades Union Council;**
- Approval be granted for officers to develop an induction programme that would be delivered to all members of SCP by 31st March 2018;**
- These processes would commence following ratification of the decision by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee; and**

- A revised report be submitted to the next meeting which would give consideration to the aforementioned suggestions.

**3.5** Officers were also asked to bring back information which would outline the proposed representation and the overall number of members as a result of the findings for further discussion. This is attached at Appendix 2

**3.6** Items for Consideration and Decision

**1. Representation**

Members are asked to discuss and agree to seek representation from the following:

- TEO should be asked to sit on the Partnership alongside the existing representative from DFC.(1)
- The Education Authority and Youth Service to represent the views of young people (1)
- PSNI (potentially the new District Commander or the most strategically focused representative from Belfast PCSP) (1)
- Migrant Forum to encourage ethnic and cultural diversity(1)
- Community Relations Council (1)
- The Irish Council of Churches (1 or 2)
- Interfaith Forum (1)
- Community/Voluntary Sector (4)

**2. Private Sector**

**3.7** In relation to the Private Sector, as well as a representative from Belfast City Centre Management, at the last meeting, Members were asked to consider where further representation could be sought. Options considered were Business in the Community and the Federation of small businesses to ensure voices of smaller businesses were incorporated.

**3.8** Business in the Community stands for responsible business. Set up in Northern Ireland in 1989, there are now over 260 members including Belfast City Council and are the largest business-led coalition dedicated to corporate responsibility. The organisation convenes senior business leaders to tackle key social issues and use their skills and resources as a force for good. The Chair of BIC is Roy Adair, Chief Executive of Belfast Harbour. A number of programmes are funded through the organisation to connect business with communities and neighbourhoods and a small business network has been established in September 2017.



**3.9** The Federation of Small Businesses has 6,000 members throughout Northern Ireland and aims to campaign for small businesses at every level to ensure the policy context is one which enables small businesses to thrive.

**3.10** Members are asked to consider what additional representation should be sought from the private sector.

### **3. Skills/Criteria for representation**

**3.11** The report also recommended that a set criteria should be established for existing members and the recruitment of new members to include experience level, skills and expertise to work at a strategic level and assist in delivering the required outcomes. An established criteria for members will ensure that the SCP achieves a cross section of representation from the sectors identified with due care being taken to balance the selection in terms of gender, geography, sectoral groupings, size of the organisation and community background.

**3.12** In order to establish the current skills gap within the Partnership, it is proposed that a skills audit is undertaken with the current Partnership members and that the subsequent gaps identified should be used as a basis to recruit new members along with the criteria outlined in the workshop findings.(page 12) This would ensure that existing members of the Partnership and the individuals applying had the skills, knowledge and expertise to work at a strategic level and assist in delivering the outcomes required.

**3.13** Criteria outlined from the workshop includes:

- Ability to actively participate and contribute knowledge and expertise
- Are an advocate for good relations and peace building
- Have responsibility for good relations within their portfolio
- Have experience of informing and/or influencing policy on good relation.
- Have decision-making power from within their respective organisations
- Can bring value to the collective and will take away knowledge and transmit it within their own particular sector/organisation.

**3.14** Typical skills required for the Shared City Partnership would be but not limited to:

- Finance
- Governance
- Legal
- Experience in good relations and peace building

- Understanding of the current good relations issues and policy context
- Policy formation
- Strategic thinking and planning
- Decision making
- Funding including EU funding
- Providing a voice for a sector and ability to transmit knowledge on a wide basis
- Delivery of good relations and peace building projects

3.15 Members will be asked to complete a short form indicating their current skills and the resultant gap will be used to firstly, recruit new members and to form the basis of a training programme.

#### 4. Terms of Reference

3.16 Given the above decisions, Members are also asked to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the amended Terms of Reference (including recommendations from the February meeting) are adopted for the Shared City Partnership.

#### Other Issues:

##### 1. Code of Conduct

The Terms of Reference are amended to reflect the wishes of the Partnership that the code of conduct for members which will be brought to a future meeting will be signed annually.

##### 2. Children and Young People

The Partnership had also suggested that to enhance the voice of children and young people that as well as receiving an annual submission of key issues from the Children's Young People Fora that one would also be requested from the Children and Young People's Commissioner. Members are asked to agree the above 2 recommendations.

#### 3.18 Finance and Resource Implications

Costs for recruitment exercise could be claimed from existing budgets.

#### 3.19 Equality or Good Relations Implications

The aim of the review of the membership of the Partnership is to ensure that the appropriate partners are involved in

**decision-making, paying particular attention to the involvement of those groups detailed under Section 75. This should ensure there is a positive impact on good relations within the City. Officers will liaise with the Equality and Diversity Officer to ensure the process does not adversely impact any Section 75 groups.”**

A Member queried the appropriateness of using the Irish Council of Churches from which to seek the Church representatives as the Roman Catholic Church was not a member of this organisation and the membership was mostly based outside of Belfast.

Following a query regarding the age profile of the Partnership, the Good Relations Manager advised that it had been suggested that to enhance the voice of children and young people an annual submission of key issues be requested from both the Children’s Young People Fora and the Children and Young People’s Commissioner.

Several Members noted that it was important to ensure that the age profile of the Partnership was varied and balanced.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic and Policy Resources Committee that representation would be sought from the following:

- TEO be asked to sit on the Partnership alongside the existing representative from the Department for Communities (1 position);
- the PSNI be approached for representation (potentially the new District Commander or the most strategically focused representative from Belfast PSCP) (1 position);
- a representative from the Migrant Forum (1 position);
- a representative from the Community Relations Council (1 position);
- a representative from the Interfaith Forum (1 position);
- representatives from the Community/Voluntary Sector (4 positions); and
- the existing representative from Belfast City Centre Management as well as an additional representative to be sought from Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce (it was noted that a representative from the independent business sector would be particularly welcome).

It was further agreed that:

- officers would give consideration to the recruitment process for the Church representatives and table suggestions at the next meeting;
- the criteria as outlined in point 3.13 and the skills required as outlined in 3.14 be agreed and that the Terms of Reference, including the recommendations from the February meeting, would be amended accordingly and adopted;
- the Terms of Reference be amended to reflect that a Code of Conduct would be signed annually by all Members of the Shared City Partnership and that the wording of the Code of Conduct would be agreed at a future meeting; and
- an annual submission of key issues would be received annually from the Children’s Young People Fora and the Children and Young People’s Commissioner.

## **Support for East Belfast Community Development Agency**

(Alderman Sandford, who had declared an interest in this agenda item, withdrew from the table whilst it was under discussion and took no part in the debate or decision-making process.)

The Senior Good Relations Officer reminded the Partnership that a request had been received from the East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA) seeking support to provide a Race Relations Co-ordinator in east Belfast. The Partnership was also reminded that it had received a presentation from a representative of the organisation at its December meeting, during which he had detailed the need for this resource, and the Partnership had agreed that officers would further explore ways in which it could potentially support and assist the EBCDA with its work.

The officer advised that the EBCDA was the umbrella organisation supporting community development in east Belfast. She detailed that it accessed core and project funding from Belfast City Council, the Department for Communities and the Public Health Agency. Currently it provided administrative support to the East Belfast Race Relations Forum. It was established in 2004 and was a consortium of groups aiming to share information and services, assist statutory members to improve their services, identify key issues and to promote a better understanding between the variety of cultures represented throughout east Belfast.

The Partnership was advised that the EBCDA had requested a dedicated staff resource for at least 24 months to:

- support integration between new and host communities in east Belfast;
- provide a mechanism to address hate crime; and
- provide development support for emerging groups within new communities.

The Senior Good Relations Officer advised that the EBCDA had tried other funding avenues. However, as this request covered a number of different themes, such as, good relations, community safety and community development the organisation had so far been unsuccessful, despite having made two applications to the Multi Ethnic Development Fund which was managed by the TEO. She explained that funding streams had set criteria and the EBCDA request for a dedicated staff member had 'fallen between two stools'.

The officer advised that the development of local area approaches and support for integrated working provided a context within which this resource could be supported. The role would support the delivery of outcomes that related to good relations, community safety and community services within east Belfast and it had been clearly demonstrated that the role would meet this need.

The Senior Good Relations Manager proceeded to outline to the Partnership the identified need for the role in east Belfast. She advised that the EBCDA aimed to promote cultural diversity, reduce racism and develop a more inclusive community through the recruitment of a race relations co-ordinator. She drew the Members' attention to the EBCDA's details in respect of its objectives and outcomes for the project which would address and identify the need.

The officer reported that the EBCDA had advised that the staff costs associated with the proposed post would be in the region of £30,000 per annum. This would require a total contribution of £60,000 for the proposed two-year period from 1st April, 2018. She advised that some level of support could be provided from existing budgets within the District Council Good Relations Programme (£10,000 per annum) under the theme of Safe Community and Cultural Expression. There was also the potential of an additional £10,000 through the east Belfast DPCSP. Both these allocations would be subject to Council/DPCSP approval and the submission of an action plan. This would leave the EBCDA to source an additional £10,000 per annum from other sources.

Several Members welcomed the approach that the EBCDA were taking to try and tackle racism in east Belfast and stated that they would wish to see similar work being progressed throughout all areas of Belfast.

Following consideration, the Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic and Policy Resources Committee that the EBCDA's request for financial assistance towards a dedicated staff resource is supported through the District Council Good Relations Programme at a cost of £10,000 per annum for two years, in principle, pending the submission of an action plan and other sources of funding being confirmed.

(Alderman Sandford returned to the Committee table at this point)

### **Good Relations Grant Aid 2018/19 Tranche 1**

The Partnership was reminded that the Good Relations Grant-Aid Fund was funded jointly by the Executive Office (TEO) (75%) and the Council (25%), through the District Council Good Relations Programme.

The Senior Good Relations Officer reported that the first call for applications for funding under the 2018/2019 Fund, to undertake activities between April and September, 2018, had closed on 12th January. She explained that, by that date, the Good Relations Small Grants Fund had received fifty applications, requesting in total £329,304. This represented a slight increase on the 2017/18 figures where 49 applications totalling £286,240 had been received. The Summer Intervention Fund had received 24 applications totalling £106,743. This represented a significant decrease on last year when 47 applications, requesting a total of approximately £187,000 had been received.

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting on 8th January, it had approved the Good Relations Action Plan which had requested total funding of £680,000 which included £220,000 towards grant aid costs. The Summer Intervention Fund was 100% funded by TEO and it would issue a letter of offer to cover the awards made by Belfast City Council following the scoring process.

The Senior Good Relations Officer reminded the Partnership that the letters of offer for the 2017/18 fund had not been received from the Executive Office until mid-July 2017. She asked the Partnership to note that funding for grants under Tranche 1 and the Summer Intervention Fund would therefore have to be awarded in advance of a Letter of Offer being received by TEO.

The Senior Good Relations Officer reminded the Partnership that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 17th February 2017, had adopted a recommendation by the Partnership that, in line with the findings contained with a recent independent audit of the Council's Good Relations function, authority should be delegated

to the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to approve grants administered by the Good Relations Unit.

A Member suggested that it would be helpful to do a profile of those organisations who had not reapplied for funding.

The Good Relations Manager reminded the Members that an engagement process with applicants/previous applicants had taken place after last year's process and anecdotal feedback had suggested that groups had been concentrating on other larger applications such as the TEO summer camps or they had been involved in initiatives such as Urban Village. Some groups had also reported a reduction in other core funding which had resulted in them not having the capacity to deliver any additional programmes.

Accordingly, she recommended to the Partnership that it note the number of applications received and that an update on the approved projects would be submitted to the April meeting of the Shared City Partnership.

(At this stage in proceedings the Chairperson, Councillor Kyle left the meeting and the Deputy Chairperson, Councillor Attwood took the Chair.)

### **Request for support for launch of Global Peace Index**

The Partnership was advised that the William. J. Clinton Leadership Institute and the Senator George. J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace Security and Justice at Queens University would be hosting the launch of the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2018 and a Positive Peace Framework for Northern Ireland on 14th June, 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Riddel Hall. The Good Relations Manager advised that the GPI launch generated substantial media interest internationally each year and it was anticipated that the launch in Belfast, on the 20th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, would generate a great deal of local media interest.

The Partnership noted that Mr. Steve Killelea, the Founder and Executive Chairman of the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) would be the key note speaker. Mr. Killelea, an accomplished entrepreneur in high technology business development and at the forefront of philanthropic activities focused on sustainable development and peace, had founded the IEP in 2007. As well as the GPI 2018 launch, Mr. Killelea would also be talking about the IEPs Positive Peace Report and how it would be relevant to Northern Ireland twenty years after the Good Friday Agreement.

It was anticipated that up to 150 invited guests from all sectors of society would attend the event and that the event would be live streamed online.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the Council partners with the William. J. Clinton Leadership Institute and the Senator George. J. Mitchell Institute for the Global Peace Security and Justice at Queens University to facilitate the launch of the Global Peace Index in Belfast on 14th June and that £500 of match funding would be allocated towards the event.

Chairperson