

## **SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP**

**MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 2018**

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

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

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. R. Crozier, Assistant Director;  
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**

An apology was reported on behalf of Mr. P. Mackel.

#### **Resignation**

The Partnership was advised that, due to work commitments, Mrs. A. Chada had resigned from the Shared City Partnership.

The Members noted the contribution that Mrs. Chada had made to the Partnership and agreed that a letter of thanks be forwarded acknowledging her contribution.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 5th March were taken as read and signed as correct.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were reported.

#### **Presentation on the Inner West Master Plan**

(Ms. C. Persic, Regeneration Project Officer, attended in connection with this item).

The Chairman reminded the Partnership that, at its last meeting, it had agreed to receive a presentation in respect of the Belfast Inner North West Master Plan, from a Good Relations and Shared Space perspective and he welcomed the Regeneration Project Officer to the meeting.

The officer commenced by explaining that the Inner North West Masterplan had been prepared to guide the future development of the area and aimed to encourage, inform, influence and direct future proposals in the area. It would be key to delivering the priorities and wider ambitions of the City as set out in the Belfast Agenda (2017) and the Belfast City Centre Regeneration and Investment Strategy (2015). The Partnership was advised that the masterplan had looked at the assets, challenges and opportunities within the Inner North West and set out a vision and objectives, design principles and character of area which might help improve this part of the City. She explained that the plan included the areas between College Street and Donegal Street, and bounded by Carrick Hill/Millfield and Royal Avenue.

The Regeneration Project Officer then proceeded to outline the various objectives of the plan, as follows:

- Heritage – to reuse and integrate the existing heritage;
- Homes – to deliver a varied offer of residential accommodation;
- Work Spaces – to deliver high quality and distinctive work and employment spaces;
- Retail – to support centre retail activity;
- Leisure and Culture – to improve and support the existing offer and create links to new and existing creative and cultural activity;
- Public Realm – to provide a high quality public realm to create green, walkable and cyclable spaces;
- Wellbeing – to promote sustainable communities, quality urban design and help create a welcoming and attractive place for everyone; and
- Transport – to upgrade and manage the transport and parking facilities and promote active and sustainable transport.

The officer advised that it was anticipated that the City Centre between Donegall Square and Donegall Street would be transformed to create a vibrant place to live, work, shop and relax across a series of mixed use neighbourhoods. In addition, the new Ulster University campus, new investment, student housing and the existing character would produce a welcoming quarter embodied by creativity, innovation, culture, twenty-four hour activity and wellbeing in the heart of the City Centre.

The officer then drew the Members' attention to a number of artist impressions/mock-ups of how the area might look if the proposed initiatives were to be progressed.

The officer concluded the presentation by reminding the Partnership that the twelve-week consultation exercise would close for responses on 8th May. More information in respect of the Consultation was available [here](#).

A Member thanked the officer for the presentation, he stated that whilst it had been very informative he felt that the Members might benefit from a walk around of the area which would enable them to familiarise themselves with it within the context of the draft masterplan.

The Partnership agreed that a walk around of the area known as the Inner North West would be arranged for the Members of the Shared City Partnership.

The Chairperson thanked the officer for the update provided and she left the meeting.

Noted.

## Update on Peace IV

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 in respect of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.**

### **2.0 Recommendations**

**2.1 Members are requested to note the contents of the report and to recommend to the Strategic and Policy Resources Committee**

- **Confirm the 11 small scale sites for the Shared Space and Services project having considered the selection criteria and delegate authority to the Area Working Groups for the selection of the sites.**
- **agree to adopt the PEACE IV Partnership Agreement and the Partner Delivery Agreement with NIHE.**

### **3.0 Main Report**

#### **3.1 Background**

**As members are aware implementation and delivery of the Belfast PEACE IV Local Action Plan is progressing.**

#### **3.2 Programme Update**

**Implementation of the approved projects is ongoing in line with the various delivery approaches outlined in the PEACE IV plan**

#### **Procurement**

**Assessment of tender submissions for BPR4 Centenaries project has been completed and sent to SEUPB for approval. It is anticipated that the contract award will be announced mid April 2018.**

**Tender opportunities for the following project are currently open**

**CYP4 Young Advocates  
CYP1: TechConnects and  
CYP2: Playing Our Part in the City Project.**

**SEUPB approval has been sought for two separate tenders for the Connected Communities element and Traveller / Roma element of BPR5: Supporting Communities project. It is**

anticipated that both tender opportunities will be advertised within the next two weeks.

#### Lead Partner Delivery

Recruitment of staff to deliver BPR 2 Creative Legacies II is underway and project planning including community engagement is developed.

#### Project Partner Delivery

The engagement officer for the delivery of CYP5 Local Area Network by NIHE has been appointed and engagement with target communities to commence in April 2018.

#### Programme Secretariat

Recruitment for the Programme Support Officer and Monitoring and Verification Officer will both be trawled w/c 9 April. Recruitment of the Thematic Project Managers is currently with HR to progress.

### 3.3 Shared Space and Services Site Selection Criteria

Members will be aware that the Shared Space and Services capital project comprises of a core project establishing a large triangular network of walking and cycle paths at Springfield Dam and Park, Invest NI site, Paisley Park and creating a 'necklace of 11 shared spaces'. This network will be continuously branded providing a seamless physical presence along the corridor through lighting, public art, use of colour / common materials in paving and consistent orientation and interpretation signage.

As outlined in the PEACE IV Plan, indicative locations for the project are Glencairn Park, Forthriver Linear Park / Clarendon playing Fields, Woodvale Park / Paisley Park, Springfield Dam, Springhill Millennium Park, Highfield / Springmartin, Innovation Factory / Invest NI site, Blackmountain (Ballygomartin South), Whiterock / Falls Park / City Cemetery, Milltown Cemetery / Bog Meadows and Blythefield Park, however these locations are subject to stakeholder engagement and consultation, feasibility and affordability testing.

At present design consultants have been appointed to conduct a feasibility study to test the technical feasibility, route options, provide cost estimates and examine affordability within the PEACE IV budget.

Members are aware that a key condition of the LoO is that the selection of the 11 small scale sites, based on the agreed selection criteria, is to be delegated through the SCP to the Area Working Groups for consideration and recommendation to the SP&R Committee. It is suggested that the criteria are

introduced at this early stage of the project development process, not only as a requirement of the LoO but also to help inform the design process and help contribute to overall Shared Spaces thematic outcomes.

With this in mind it is proposed that the criteria to confirm the selection of the Shared Space sites are as follows:

- It is an area affected by disadvantage and the legacy of the conflict?

Does the site have the potential to be:

- Welcoming – where people feel secure to take part in unfamiliar interactions, and increase an overall sense of shared experience and community?
- Safe – for all persons and groups, trusted by both locals and visitors?
- Good quality (physical design and management) – attractive, high quality unique services and well-designed spaces?
- Connected/Accessible – well-connected in terms of transport and pedestrian links within a network of similar spaces across the city and managed to promote maximum participation by all communities?
- Is there the potential to deliver a programme of activity on the site that will promote peace and reconciliation outcomes, consider sensitive issues and support cross community contact?

The proposed criteria also meets that specified in the PEACE IV Output Indicator Guidance. The criteria and process are subject to examination and approval by SEUPB prior to commencement of works.

The next step is to test the criteria through a robust stakeholder engagement and consultation process on the route and project proposals: the findings of which will be reported back through PEACE IV governance for review and consideration, before proceeding to next stage of design.

A key requirement of the capital project is involvement of Central Procurement Directorate (CPD), a meeting with SEUPB and CPD to determine the level of involvement of CPD is scheduled for 12 April 2018.

It is requested that the SCP confirm the 11 small scale sites for the Shared Space and Services project having considered the selection criteria and delegate authority to the Area Working Groups for the selection of the sites based on the agree criteria.

### **3.4 Financial Management**

Claims for 13 periods of expenditure up to 31 January 2018 totalling £138,847.15 was submitted to SEUPB for verification and reimbursement by 30 March 2018 deadline. SEUPB has completed the verification checks of the first two claim periods which have been deemed 100% eligible for full reimbursement to Council.

### **3.5 Governance / Legal Agreements**

A condition of funding is that SCP members establish a Partnership Agreement to oversee the implementation of the Action Plan. The attached Partnership Agreement and a Partner Delivery agreement with NIHE have been drafted by the Council's Legal Department based on the LoO, Programme Rules and Standard Conditions of Grant.

It is requested that the SCP members agree to adopt the Partnership Agreement and the Partner Delivery Agreement with NIHE.

### **3.6 Communication, Engagement and Key Messages**

Engagement with communities and key stakeholders has commenced and will increase over the coming months. To promote and support clear and consistent key messages a co-ordinated approach to the consultation and engagement is being developed. A detailed stakeholder engagement plan will be presented to members at the next meeting.

### **4.0 Resource Implications**

4.1 No resource implications, staffing and recruitment is in line with that approved in the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

### **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 reported that the tender in respect of the Young Advocates Programme had closed on Wednesday, 4th April and unfortunately no submissions had been received. She advised that initial feedback had suggested that there was currently a significant number of other youth programmes in operation and she

sought authority to reframe the tender, potentially reducing the duration of the programme from two years to one year.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that:

- it authorises the eleven small scale sites for the Shared Space and Services project;
- it agrees the selection criteria and that the Area Working Groups be permitted to consider and make recommendations regarding the selection of the sites to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee;
- it agrees to adopt the PEACE IV Partnership Agreement and the Partner Delivery Agreement with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive; and
- officers be granted authority to reframe the tender for the Young Advocates Project and that it be re-advertised.

### **Update on the Review of the Shared City Partnership**

The Partnership considered the following report:

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

**1.1 To update Members on progress with regard to the review of the Shared City Partnership.**

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

**2.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report including the members who have been nominated to sit on the Partnership as outlined in 3.4**

#### **3.0 Main report**

##### **3.1 Key Issues**

- **At the last meeting of the Partnership, members agreed the following actions:**
- **that the recruitment exercise for the community/voluntary sector would commence in March 2018;**
- **that it agrees that one representative from the faith sector which would be decided on a rotational basis, by the four main Churches;**
- **that it approves the draft Code of Conduct, which would be signed off annually by all the Members of the Shared City Partnership;**
- **that both the Children and Young People’s Forum and the Children and Young**
- **People’s Commissioner be asked to submit its key findings annually, before the**
- **31st March; and**
- **to note that a skills audit would be circulated, via e-mail, to all the Members of the Shared City Partnership**

to enable officers to quantify the skills of the existing Members to ensure that any gap in skills, if identified, would be addressed; and

- to note that an induction programme would be offered to existing Members of the Shared City Partnership with a full induction/training session to be held once the new representatives had all been appointed.

### **Nominations**

**3.2** In the meantime, correspondence was sent to the NIHE, Department For Communities, the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and Belfast City Centre Management to confirm their nominees. All organisations have confirmed that they are content for the existing nominees to continue to sit on the Partnership representing their respective agencies.

**3.3** Letters have also been sent to The Executive Office, PSNI, the Education Authority, Community Relations Council, Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Interfaith Forum and Migrant Forum seeking nominations to sit on the Partnership.

**3.4** The following organisations have confirmed their nominees:

The Executive Office – Grainne Killen, Head of Good Relations  
PSNI – Superintendent Robert Murdie  
Community Relations Council – Jacqueline Irwin – Chief Executive  
Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce- Michelle Greeves, President

**3.5** The Interfaith Forum have agreed to make a nomination and will confirm their nominee in the next few weeks. The Migrant Forum will discuss the matter at their next quarterly meeting which will take place on 30th April 2018.

Officers are following up with the Education Authority to confirm their nominations.

**3.6** In relation to the faith sector, Members had agreed that that one representative from the faith sector would be decided on a rotational basis, by the four main Churches. It is anticipated that a meeting will be arranged after Easter with representatives from the churches to discuss the arrangement and how this would work in practice.

### **Recruitment and Selection**

**3.7** Members will recall that it had been agreed to appoint an external independent organisation through a quotation exercise to undertake this recruitment exercise. Volunteer Now have been selected to undertake this piece of work. Given current commitments, a meeting has been scheduled for the week after Easter to finalise the process and we would anticipate that interviews would take place in early/mid-June.



As part of this process, the Chair and Vice Chair will be asked to participate in the shortlisting exercise and interviews.

- 3.8 The call for nominations will be publicly advertised and widely circulated through all Council and other known networks.

#### **Skills Audit**

- 3.9 After the last meeting of the Partnership, a skills audit was circulated to all members by email for completion and return to the Good Relations Manager. A reminder has been sent out to Members along with the agenda for the April meeting. The reason for undertaking the audit is to be able to quantify the skills around the table to address any gaps, if identified, which would be required to conduct Partnership business.

#### **Induction Programme**

- 3.10 At the last meeting, it was agreed that an induction programme would be offered to existing Members of the Shared City Partnership with a full induction/training session to be held once the new representatives had all been appointed. Those Members who wish to avail of the induction training should advise the Good Relations Manager in order that suitable dates can be arranged.

#### **Finance and Resource Implications**

Costs for recruitment exercise will be claimed from existing budgets.

#### **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.”

The Partnership noted the update provided.

#### **List of Groups receiving funding under the Good Relations Small Grants Fund Tranche 1 and Summer Intervention Small Grants Schemes**

The Partnership was reminded that the Good Relations Small Grants Fund was funded jointly by The Executive Office (TEO) (75%) and the Council (25%), through the District Council Good Relations Programme. The Summer Intervention Fund was 100% funded by TEO and the Council's Good Relations Unit administered the fund. The Senior Good Relations Officer reported that the first call for applications for funding for the 2018/2019 Small Grants Fund, to undertake activities between April and September 2018, and also for the Summer Intervention Fund had closed on 12th January.

She explained that, by that date, the Good Relations Small Grants Fund had received a total of fifty applications, requesting in total £329,304.40. Those had been assessed by Good Relations Officers, using pre-agreed criteria, following which thirty-one organisations had been recommended for funding totalling £166,692.00. The officer advised that this represented a slight increase on the 2017/18 applications. She added that the standard of applications had been very high and only projects scoring 65 and above had been supported.

The officer then reported that the Summer Intervention Fund (SIF) had received twenty-four applications, requesting in total £106,743.50. She reported that this represented a significant decrease on the 2017/18 applications. Those applications had also been assessed by Good Relations Officers, using pre-agreed criteria, following which twenty-one organisations had been recommended for funding to deliver projects from June – August 2018 totalling, 83,369.00

In both cases, a sample of submissions had been assessed by an independent panel comprised of two other officers from outside the Good Relations Unit, which had confirmed that they had been evaluated and scored in line with the criteria.

She informed the Partnership that officers had liaised with TEO and the Education Authority to agree that the SIF would support projects over the entire summer period rather than during only key times of tension.

The Senior Good Relations Officer pointed out that it was unlikely that the Council would receive a letter of offer from TEO by April and, with the projects due to commence at the beginning of April, the Council was in a position where it would have to issue Letters of Offer at risk.

The officer advised that the work was funded through the DCGRP by TEO and the Summer Intervention was directly supported by TEO. As in previous years, the letter of offer had not been received, therefore, the Council had issued Letters of Offer at risk for Tranche 1.

She also advised that, as an action from the Review of the Shared City Partnership, a consultant had been appointed to develop a framework to capture the long-term achievement of good relations outcomes and associated reporting structures. The officer reported that the consultant would be holding a Workshop in order to seek the Members' views on these issues and she asked the Members to note that officers would be in contact within the next week to arrange this Workshop.

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 would be delegated to the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services to approve grants administered by the Good Relations Unit. Accordingly, she recommended that the Partnership note the following allocations of funding, details of which would be submitted also to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for notation:

## Appendix – 2018-19 Good Relations Small Grants Funding Tranche 1

			<b>Good Relations Small Grants 2018-19 Tranche 1</b>			
	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Amount Recommended</i>
1	Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group	Connected Communities 1	SLIG will facilitate a 12 week programme of cross-community activities for Older & Active - an over-50's women's group. The activities are designed to draw people together who would not ordinarily meet, focusing on their shared interests and needs, including arts and crafts, walking excursions to peace walls, etc.	82.5	£1,868.00	£1,868.00
2	Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	Exploring our past, building our future	In this Decade of significant anniversaries, the Colin/Dunmurry partnership initiative, will aim to celebrate and commemorate the fall out of both the Easter rising, the impact of the Great war and Radical Presbyterianism on the Dunmurry Community. We aim to involve youth and their families in respecting all historical traditions.	80	£4,080.00	£4,080.00
3	Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group (LORAG)	Developing Intercultural Parenting in Inner South	Developing the successful model of Intercultural Parenting that has been growing at LORAG since 2013, this project creates opportunities for a further 16 participants and their families to participate in a revised and updated intercultural parenting programme and develop participant led cultural exchanges, family activities and residential experience.	80	£9,352.50	£6,046.00
4	Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group	Connected Communities 3	The organisation, co-ordination and moderation of a Youth Forum in Suffolk and Lenadoon for young people to provide them with a platform to express their views, concerns and ideas, develop their leadership potential and work on a cross-community basis to promote good relations and the wider use of	80	£2,900.00	£2,900.00

			shared space.			
5	Conway Education Centre	Learning Together programme 2018	Multicultural project for refugee/newcomer families involving local residents, volunteers, English and Arabic language and culture, practical trips to familiarize refugees with local services and celebrating a sense of community. Programme aim: To promote integration, tolerance of differences and positive relationships, building on valuable feedback of 2017 participants and volunteers.	78.75	£9,355.00	£8,635.00
6	Suffolk Lenadon Interface Group	Connected Communities 2	SLIG will co-ordinate a 12 week cross-community drama programme with Brassneck Theatre Company for young people (aged 10-14) from Suffolk (PUL) and Lenadon (CNR). The activities are designed to draw young people together who would not ordinarily meet, and they will have 2 theatre visits and 2 Master classes.	78.75	£1,890.00	£1,890.00
7	Westland Community Group	Good Relations Media Programme	The project will use creative arts, such as film, music and photography, to engage young people in exploring Good Relations issues and increase their understanding of NI's diverse range of cultural backgrounds. This will improve attitudes and allow participants to become active in improving good relations in their community.	75	£9,819.40	£9,613.00
8	John Paul II Youth Club	In Sync	A cross community programme exploring the impact of being pre-teen, growing up in marginalised communities. Using a drama workshop programme to build confidence, self-efficacy and develop trust and new connections, through exploring commonalities and celebrating difference.	75	£8,410.00	£7,275.00

9	Prime Cut Productions	At Arm's Length	Successfully piloted to 350 participants in Lisburn (2017), "At Arm's Length" is a drama/visual art project that will work with 300 Belfast Foundation and Key Stage 1 children exploring Diversity. Each child will receive 3 workshops, a Resource Pack and attend a play, encouraging them to engage in the exploration	75	£10,000.00	£8,200.00
10	Greater Shankill Senior Citizens Forum & West Belfast 50 Plus Forum	Older Together	The aim of this project is to bring together two older people's groups in North and West Belfast. The two groups in question have been working in parallel with each other for a number of years and now feel there is a strong basis to move forward together.	75	£9,982.42	£8,890.00
11	WAVE Trauma Centre	WAVE Lunch Club	The project seeks to build a shared future among victims and survivors. Each session will begin with lunch, afternoon sessions will use the creative arts to explore issues of identity and belonging. Victimhood and the impact of paramilitarism will also be explored, and community visits used to enhance learning.	75	£7,895.00	£7,895.00
12	Feile An Phobail	Feile 30 Good Relations Discussions and Debates Youth Engagement Programme	A series of good relations discussions and debates as part of Feile August festival, preceded by a series of workshops for young people from different religious, political and ethnic backgrounds to discuss issues of importance to them and to work together to help shape the good relations discussion and debates.	75	£7,007.50	£5,637.50
13	St Malachy's Youth Centre	Working Together For A Better Future	The project will be a partnership between St Malachys youth club and Nubia Youth Club. It is a community relations project that aims to develop young people as active citizens. The project promotes citizenship and encourages young people to make a positive contribution to their own and other communities.	75	£9,998.00	£8,682.50

14	Training For Women Network	Framing a Shared Future through Women's History	Building positive relations and civic participation through the exploration of Women's History at the turn of the century and the fight for women's suffrage. The project will empower women to engage in cross-community relations and active citizenship by learning about the impact of women of history.	75	£8,697.50	£6,130.00
15	Ballynafeigh Community Development Association	'We love where we live' - Celebrating sharing and diversity in Ballynafeigh	We will highlight and celebrate the good relations and diversity inherent in Ballynafeigh by raising morale and positively promoting the health and social well-being of local people and groups from all backgrounds across the life-cycle, through shared participation and engagement in enjoyable, educative, and possibly challenging, events and activities.	75	£6,430.00	£4,400.00
16	New Belfast Community Arts Initiative	Programme for Intercultural Arts Support (PICAS) and Use it	CAP wishes to run our cultural competency training (1& 2 day sessions). Then develop these intercultural champions to share their practice with others including community leaders, shadow artists and participants to create a trickle down of more culturally curious and culturally competent citizens resulting in more social cohesion in society.	75	£9,999.87	£5,097.00
17	Colin Glen Trust	Beating Sectarianism	Beating Sectarianism will open this good relations programme to young people not currently involved in existing Statutory provision through Education Authority and offer sixteen young people an opportunity to develop a critical understanding of sectarianism and how they can work to influence their peers for a better society.	75	£8,954.76	£6,854.76
18	Streetbeat Youth Project	Good Relations Training Project	Cross Community training programme which involves 20 young people from Ardoyne and Woodvale, in a 12 week OCN training course and residential in Leadership & Good Relations and.	75	£4,380.00	£3,980.00

19	DU Dance (NI)	Building Bridges - Care	In partnership with Falls Women's Centre 'Building Bridges – Care' will bring migrant and host families together in a workshop programme that will lead to public performances. Identity and life experiences will be explored through dance, music and storytelling, creating a common focus and bond, improving relations and community integration.	75	£9,251.00	£6,902.00
20	Whiterock Childrens Centre	Building good relations in West	We have been involved in work with BME families now for over 12 years but through the Syrian resettlement programme the numbers has increased greatly. We aim to help this integration into the local community go as smoothly as possible.	72.5	£4,629.00	£4,055.00
21	Currie Primary School	Currie Primary Parent Programme	The project will offer support to our most vulnerable parents, build the capacity of the parents, increase their skills and confidence to enable more active involvement with their families and in the community. The project will establish better relationships between parents from Tigers Bay/Mountcollyer and Newington	72.5	£9,600.00	£9,400.00
22	The HUBB Community Resource Centre	Women in history	The project will bring together young females from lower North Belfast from two communities to explore women's roles during the turn of the 20th century. The project will identify women's roles in the Dockers and Carter strike the third home rule bill and the suffragette movement.	72.5	£4,200.00	£4,200.00
23	IFA Foundation Ltd	A Shared Space and A Shared Community	Our project is an introduction to the IFA and National Football Stadium to groups and young people who culturally have never visited Windsor Park. We wish to bring them to the stadium for a tour, workshop facilitation and education of football in Northern Ireland and the role of the IFA.	72.5	£10,000.00	£3,500.00

24	Women's Resource And Development Agency	WRDA Podcast Project	A Belfast based pilot of an audio experience, archive and discussion promoting engagement and participation for women from across all communities and areas. The podcast will capture stories, perspectives and analysis from across Belfast to then reach a wide audience via social media and websites and mailing lists.	67.5	£5,681.45	£3,120.00
25	Belfast Islamic Centre	Belfast Islamic Centre (BIC) 40th Anniversary project - Cultural celebration and outreach.	Belfast Islamic Centre (BIC) was officially set up in 1978. 2018 marks our 40th year. In the face of recent anti-Muslim attacks we aim to set up a number of events to celebrate and to increase awareness and interaction with the local community.	67.5	£1,492.00	£1,200.00
26	Youth Link: NI	Building a United Community - Leadership Development	To offer 24 young people (18-24 years), from differing community backgrounds, training in youth work, cultural diversity, equality and human rights and to enable participants to be proactive in building positive sustainable community relations within and between communities.	66.25	£10,000.00	£4,780.00
27	Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum	Girdwood United Youth	Through the delivery of detached and drop-in youth sessions, the Girdwood United Youth project will enable the participation of local young people in good relations work at the Girdwood site ensuring the site continues to develop as a key space for peace and reconciliation work in North Belfast and beyond.	66.25	£9,600.00	£9,600.00
28	British Red Cross	'Refugee Week For All '2018	This project will provide an important opportunity for asylum seekers and refugees to be seen, listened to and valued within our society. We aim to link into the Belfast wide Refugee Week 2018 , create 3 events that will reach the wider community and highlight the contributions of refugees	66.25	£4,967.50	£2,910.00



29	Greater Village Regeneration Trust	Our Island	This project will work with young people to focus on the theme of celebrating differences, by exploring sectarianism and by gaining a deeper understanding of other religions and beliefs whilst giving a sense of belonging within their own community.	65	£9,750.00	£3,100.00
30	DREAMSCHEME NORTHERN IRELAND	Summer in the City	This project aims to bring together young people from the Roma community and groups of young people from around Belfast in a programme of shared summer experiences that will promote respect, trust and positive relationships.	65	£5,016.00	£4,016.00
31	Market Development Association	Pride across communities project	We will utilise the film 'Pride' as a tool to explore how solidarity between communities can be built. We will also facilitate a 4 week series of youth workshops to examine experiences of LGBT young people across religious and racial backgrounds, building solidarity across those communities as a result.	65	£3,210.00	£1,835.00
<b>Totals:</b>					<b>£218,416.90</b>	<b>£166,691.76</b>
			<b>All applications less than 65.00 not awarded due to funding limits</b>			
32	Apex Housing Association Ltd	Learning For Independent Living	The project will increase interpersonal skills and effective communications while promoting social inclusion for 20 men of differing religions. The 10 week courses in history and WRAP with outings and churches visits will break down barriers of division, sectarianism, racism and promote equality, respect and reconciliation through discussion and socialising.	62.5	£9,911.00	£0.00
33	Teach Na Failte	North Belfast youth project	Working with 20 young men and 10 of their parents from North Belfast who feel detached from the community and its identity and feel no sense of their potential role and purpose within the area. This project will broaden their experiences of diversity and explore their place	62.5	£4,110.00	£0.00

			within their community.			
34	St. Peters Immaculata Youth Centre	Ambassadors For Peace	This programme is a partnership between a number of youth projects including Townsend Street YC, North Belfast Area Project, Holy Family YC and St. Peters Immaculata YC. The project is a cross community contact programme for 14-17 year olds both male and female.	62.5	£8,898.00	£0.00
35	Northern Ireland Trade Union Educational & Social Centre Limited T/a Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre	Orientation - next steps.	The project aim is to provide migrants to Belfast with practical information to settle in their new life through targeted information sessions. Peer orienteers will continue to provide drop in clinics to asylum seekers, services and community resources across Belfast will be mapped to create a comprehensive directory.	61.25	£9,750.00	£0.00
36	Friendship For Integrated Development Association Northern Ireland (FIDANI)	FIDANI 2018 African Cup of Nations Primary School Event	Our project will see pupils from Primary Schools across South and East Belfast come together to participate in a shared good relations football event which is designed to increase awareness around BME communities. As part of the event, workshops will be held to promote cultural diversity and integration.	61.25	£1,040.00	£0.00
37	Green Shoot Productions	We'll Walk Hand in Hand, 50 Years of Civil Rights in Northern Ireland 1968-2018 Exhibition Talk and Workshop Programme	Marking the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of Northern Ireland's civil rights campaign, Green Shoot Productions in partnership with Queens University will develop an exhibition and accompanied talk and workshop programme exploring the civil rights campaign of the late 1960's as well as exploring civil rights issues in Belfast today.	60	£9,845.00	£0.00
38	PeacePlayers International - Northern Ireland (PPI-NI)	PeacePlayers - Champions for Peace (C4P) Capacity Building Programme	The C4P initiative is a year round programme of integrated community relations through sport work with youth aged 11-25 years living in some of Belfast's most notorious interface areas. It will create the next generation of baggage free	60	£10,000.00	£0.00

			young leaders that are equipped to use sport in actively promoting peace.			
39	Short Strand Community Forum	Finding about 5	We aim to promote five different cultural backgrounds of residents within our community. These include; Indian, Chinese, Polish, Irish and British. We will celebrate and promote diversity within our community	60	£9,900.00	£0.00
40	Cara-Friend	Belfast LGBT Diversity & Good Relations Project	The aim of the project is to create and facilitate an LGBT affirming inter-faith forum for the advancement of equality and respect for LGBT members of the community.	58.75	£10,000.00	£0.00
41	Stadium Projects	Higher Force Challenge	This is a 10 week intensive cross community personal development project working with disadvantaged "at risk" vulnerable people from North & West Belfast. Using outdoor activities and personal development workshops, beneficiaries will develop good relations within their community and with others from different communities & backgrounds.	57.5	£9,172.00	£0.00
42	The Warehouse Project	The Krypton Challenge	The Krypton Challenge is a new self-development project working with, challenging and encouraging at risk young people struggling in school, involved in anti-social behaviour to better themselves while instilling a sense of community, future & hope and creating a pathway to successful living.	55	£5,040.00	£0.00
43	Beyond Skin	An audience with Orchestre des Rfugis et Amis - Refugee Week	An event as part of Refugee Week with musicians from Orchestre des Rfugis et Amis - an intercultural music project. The project creates shared welcoming spaces for musicians with Refugee or Asylum status to collaborate, socialise and creatively express their culture with with a diversity of professional musicians.	50	£2,300.00	£0.00

44	East Belfast Football Club	Strengthening Relations	The project will see our 2007's football team / squad from East Belfast FC and the 2007's team from Belfast Celtic FC take part in a good relations programme incorporating a residential and specific good relations work - building on our continued good relations work with Belfast Celtic FC	50	£5,417.50	£0.00
45	Prison Arts Foundation (PAF)	The Saturday Club	The project will bring elderly people from Newtonbreda Methodist Church into Hydebanks Wood Secure College to work alongside young offenders and women prisoners in a joint creative writing and pottery workshop, which is designed to breakdown the ill-informed and often negative attitudes the groups have of one another.	38.75	£4,474.00	£0.00
46	First Housing Aid And Support Services	young people united	Bringing young people together from Skanlon inner city Belfast and East Belfast to share experiences from their communities in a safe environment through group work and creative projects. This will be done through a planned residential which will include workshops, group and team building tasks.	25	£4,435.00	£0.00
47	Association Darfur Of Northern Ireland ( ADNI )	ADNI Cultural Programme 2018	This cultural programme is intended to foster relationships between Darfur's community and other communities in Northern Ireland.  To show the Northern Ireland locals our culture, tradition and why we are here, as well as to build bridges that can help to integrate in the local community.	25	£3,615.00	£0.00
48	Freemasons Hall	Pensioners Dublin Interaction	Freemasons Headquarters is in Dublin but since the start of the troubles in 1969 many of our elder brethren have never been there. In light of our present peace agreement we propose to take a coach of 30 to Freemasons hall also to organize a guided tour of Kilmainham Gaol.	20	£1,700.00	£0.00

49	Freemasons Hall	Cross community dinner safety information and entertainment	Freemasons hall situated between Crumlin Road and Oldpark Ardoyne want to facilitate an afternoon event for 30 pensioners of each of the communities.	5	£700.00	£0.00
50	St. James's Community Forum	Women Together	Celebrating International Women's Day 8 <sup>th</sup> March bringing together Catholic and Protestant Women to discuss, debate, sing and break down barriers.	0	£580.00	£0.00

### Appendix – 2018-19 Summer Intervention Funding Programme Small Grants awards

			<b>Planned Intervention Funding Programme 2018-19</b>			
	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Amount Recommended</i>
1	Blackie River Community Groups	Summer Intervention	To provide a fun, safe and positive alternative to the 11th July interface at Broadway and 8th August Bonfire within Beechmount. The project will target 25 young people participate in residential on both nights in the aim in reducing tension.	82.5	£5,320.00	£5,000.00
2	St. James's Community Forum	Summer Intervention	We will take 50 youth out of our area which is on an Interface with The Village at a time of heightened tensions coming up to the Orange marches and the anniversary of Internment.	82.5	£3,420.00	£3,420.00
3	Empire Residents' Association	Empire Summer Scheme	The Empire Residents' Association run an annual summer scheme focused on diverting young people in the area away from interface areas, off the streets and providing opportunities for local people to boost their general well-being and health.	75	£3,037.00	£3,037.00
4	Village Festival Committee	A Safe Village 2018	To provide a structured programme for young people from the Village area to divert them from becoming involved in conflict during times of heightened tension around the Broadway Interface, while also supporting them in the positive expression of their cultural heritage	75	£5,000.00	£4,970.00
5	New Lodge Arts	Don't Duck and Run	The project will provide a range of targeted intervention activities for young people aged 9 to 18 years from the Greater New Lodge from the 10th - 17th July and 7th - 10th August. It will provide an alternative to participation in sectarian violence at interfaces and bonfires.	75	£5,000.00	£5,000.00

6	Colin Glen Trust	Summer youth summit	Over the past three years Colin Glen has reached out to young people often unconnected with youth provision and offers them an opportunity to connect with positive youth provision at high times of both inter and intra community tension over 12th July and Early August Bonfires.	75	£4,988.00	£4,908.00
7	Falls Youth Providers	Safer Summer within the Falls area	This programme will provide the chance for local young people to sign up to a range of diversionary activities to attend during times of heightened tensions in and around the area.	75	£4,937.50	£4,487.00
8	Falls Residents Association	Falls Residents Intervention Scheme 2018	The project will provide a wide range of diversionary activities for Young people to attend during times of heightened tensions in the local community.	75	£5,002.00	£4,702.00
9	St Patricks Football Academy	Peace Kicks	This project will provide a 2 week Summer Intervention Football/Games focused programme in Girdwood Community Hub Belfast; aimed at deterring young people away from anti-social bonfire and potential anti-social behaviour at an interface area in proximity to Lower Old Park.	75	£4,062.00	£4,062.00
10	St Pauls ABC	Beyond Boxing- 'Young People at Risk - Creating a Safer and Shared Community	On July 11th this project will open the Boxing Club turning an interface area into a shared sports area that is open to all from 8pm to midnight. Our volunteer coaches will put on fun activities and sport, focusing on getting young people away from negative anti-social behaviour.	75	£555.00	£555.00
11	Southcity Resource And Development Centre	Reducing tensions. 2018	This project will promote an intervention and diversionary programme including outreach work to involve young people not engaged in regular youth provision and who could be at risk of becoming involved in conflict.	75	£8,194.00	£5,000.00
12	Carrick Hill Resident's Association	Carrick Hill Summer Intervention Project 2018	Through outreach, detached, diversionary and structured learning activities, Alternative Summer will engage marginalised and <i>at risk</i> local youth and develop with them a programme addressing issues of single identity, diversity and personal development throughout the contentious and high-tension summer months.	71.25	£4,557.00	£4,557.00
13	Clintonville Community Regeneration Forum	Towards A Peaceful North Belfast	This programme will provide diversionary activities to redirect young people away from interface violence into fun & safe activities that promote and encourage trust and mutual understanding. A number of these will be aimed at bringing young people from all backgrounds together to explore the concept of 'Shared Communities'.	71.25	£5,600.00	£5,000.00

14	Tackling Awareness Of Mental Health Issues (TAMHI)	Good News @ Girdwood II	18 Young People good 16 -18 will support the delivery of a cross community activity programme in Girdwood Community Hub over the Summer 2018. Good News at Girdwood will promote Take 5 for Wellbeing with Connect championing Good Relations.	71.25	£4,675.00	£3,725.00
15	Mount Eagles Community Association	Midnight Soccer During the Summer Months	Summer intervention initiative for young people during the summer months- from July through to the end of August. The initiative will be a 3 hour Soccer programme every Saturday evening with the hope of getting young people off the streets.	71.25	£4,838.00	£4,528.00
16	Market Development Association	Market Summer Intervention project	The Market Summer Intervention project is aimed at reducing interface violence and community tension over the period of July and August each year. The project aims to lessen community tension by presenting positive alternatives to activities such as bonfire building and interface conflict.	68.75	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
17	22nd Old Boys FC	Youth development of 22nd Youth	We wish to run a series of training sessions at night for young people aged 15-19. To help their physical and mental Wellbeing.	65	£2,848.00	£2,848.00
18	North Belfast Play Forum	Weekend intervention activities	The summer intervention programme over the summer weekends will provide intervention activities at the weekends and 11th&12th July evenings including a fun day on the 12th July to divert young people from interfaces and flashpoints.	65	£1,600.00	£1,600.00
19	Norman Whiteside Sports Facility	Educating Young Mentors	8 -10 young participants (15-17 years of age) will plan and deliver a summer intervention programme as young mentors with the focus on using sport to raise awareness of issues including mental health, healthy heart - healthy minds, cyber bullying, drug and alcohol abuse and basic health & nutrition.	65	£4,910.00	£4,910.00
20	Gleann ABC	Sporting Summer	We have designed a day time partnership intervention programme with Ormeau Boxing Club for children aged 10-16 years old to engage in sporting opportunities through boxing whilst also incorporating educational workshops and activities. The programme will take place over the July and August months between 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm.	63.75	£4,780.00	£2,600.00
21	The HUBB Community Resource Centre	intervention summer 18	This project will ring together young people at risk of negative behaviour during a time of tension to engage them in positives activities	61.25	£3,420.00	£3,420.00
<b>Totals:</b>					<b>£91,743.50</b>	<b>£83,369.00</b>
22	All Nations Ministries	Media Training Project - Ethnic Minority & N. Irish Youth	We are planning to run a Media Training project during the months of July and August 2018 for 14 young people (13 & 14-year-olds) along with 6 leaders by running a series events focusing on learning media skills, journalism, writing, photography and learning interview skills.	25	£5,000.00	Insufficient score - £0

23	Dreamscheme Northern Ireland	Belvoir/Milltown Summer of Football	This project will provide positive football-focused diversionary activities for 25 teenagers from Belvoir during the period of increased tension in South Belfast during the parade season, and during the school holidays when young people are at risk of being involved in anti-social behaviour in Belvoir/Milltown and inner Belfast.	0	£5,000.00	Ineligible - £0
24	Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group (LORAG)	Summer scheme 2018	We are a children and youth organisation working within the Lower Ormeau road. We are currently engaged with weekend work targeting ASB in the area on a Friday & Saturday night. We are wanting to offer more sessions at the weekend targeting Friday and Saturday nights.	0	£5,000.00	Ineligible - £0

### **Update on Mural Programme**

The Partnership was reminded that it had previously granted approval for the restoration of a mural of shipyard workers on Dee Street Bridge. The Good Relations Manager advised that these works had now been completed and she drew the Members' attention to photographs of the completed works.

The officer advised the Partnership that the initiative was an excellent example of a positive, multi-agency project, which had resulted in positive outcomes for the local community.

Noted.

### **EU Neighbourhood Day**

The Partnership was advised that the Council had been invited to participate in Neighbours' Day 2018.

The Senior Good Relations Officer reported that the initiative aimed to encourage people to get to know each other and to promote strong social values such as conviviality, solidarity and togetherness.

The Partnership noted that the first event to mark Neighbours' Day had taken place in Paris fifteen years ago and it was now a major worldwide event. This year the event was scheduled to be held on Friday, 25th May and the Council felt that participating in the event would be a useful means of promoting and sharing space which was one of the four T:BUC themes in the District Council Good Relations Programme.

The Senior Good Relations Officer outlined that, if approved, officers from the Good Relations Unit would liaise with the Community Services Section to host four events in local community centres across the north, south, east and west of the City to promote 'Better Living Together.' Each event would receive £500.00 towards the costs from the Good Relations budget.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that approval be granted for the allocation of £2,000.00 from the District Council Good Relations Programme to support four local initiatives as parts of Neighbours' Day 2018.



**Update on the Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme  
(Tabled at the meeting)**

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

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

**1.1 To update members of the Shared City Partnership on the recommendation by SP&R to approve delivery of a Bonfire and Cultural Expression programme in 2018 and seek recommendations from members in relation to other matters related to delivery of the 2017 and proposed 2018 programmes.**

**2.0 Recommendations**

**2.1 That members note the information presented in the report which is subject to ratification by Council on 9th April 2018 and provide recommendations to SP&R on the following:**

- **The Review Panel should be reconvened in its current form for 2018**
- **The Director of City & Neighbourhood Services be granted delegated authority to approve funding awards to successful applicants to the programme.**
- **Council should seek to appoint an independent contractor to review sites.**
- **Approve the recommendations that were made by the Review Panel for the 2017 Bonfire and Cultural Expression programme**

**3.0 Main Report**

**3.1 Background**

**3.2 Council approved a draft District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP) Action Plan in February 2018. This included a Cultural Expression Programme under which engagement on the issue of bonfires could be delivered. Further to this, at its March meeting, the Shared City Partnership recommended that SP&R should approve procurement to supply 10 beacons in 2018. Both of these decisions were based on the need for political agreement on delivery of a 2018 Programme.**

**3.3 At a Special meeting of the Strategic Policy & Resources committee on 27 March 2018, members recommended an option that would allow delivery of a 2018 Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme.**

**3.4 Members will be aware that in previous years, the Shared City Partnership informed the agreed approach to bonfires.**

However, given the timescales and issues involved in 2018, SP&R were asked to consider this issue directly.

**3.5 All further reporting on the programme will be through the Shared City Partnership via recommendations to SP&R and Council.**

**3.6 Agreed option for 2018 programme**

**Council will deliver a Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme which seeks to promote positive cultural expression through better bonfire management and cultural celebrations.**

**Constituted groups can access funding for community events and activities that promote engagement on issues of cultural expression and diversity. The programme will be open to groups generally. Groups who do not have traditional bonfires or beacons will be eligible to be part of the 2018 programme, where their event replaces a bonfire.**

**Those who are awarded funding will agree to take practical steps to ensure that sites which are linked to funded events will be managed in accordance with the following criteria:**

- 1. No collection of materials before 1 June 2018.**
- 2. Tyres or other hazardous materials should not be collected or burnt on the bonfire**
- 3. Groups should not display paramilitary trappings flags or symbols on bonfires or at any funded activities.**
- 4. Bonfires should be sited in a clear unenclosed space at a safe distance from buildings and overhead cables and should conform to a 1:5 ratio. Safety risks should be assessed and managed, and appropriate advice and guidance sought from the NIFRS and other relevant agencies.**
- 5. Groups should not burn or display any items such as flags, emblems or election posters which are likely to cause offense or could be considered a hate crime.**
- 6. Groups must comply with council health and safety and events management guidance, as well as meeting relevant licensing and insurance requirements.**

**3.7 Council will provide the following resource through the programme:**

- 10 bonfire beacons which will be allocated on agreed criteria (or more if requested subject to availability/deliverability)**
- Up to £1,750 for community events and activities that promote engagement on issues of cultural expression and diversity.(£500 will be ringfenced for engagement activity)**

- Introduce a revised application process which will include need to meet safety and good relations outcomes with strict opening and closing dates.
- Convene Review panel to consider the participation of groups on the programme

**3.8** The current finance available will allow support for 20 groups and provision of 10 beacons. Officers are liaising with other stakeholders to secure additional funding. Further detail is provided in 3.15. Those applications which score highest in relation to the agreed criteria will be awarded funding. This is in line with the approach in other grant programmes.

**3.9** Members approved an incentivized approach for delivery of the programme. This is in line with the 2017 model and means that groups can access an initial £1,250 with a second award of £500 available following July activities for those groups who met the framework outlined above. This additional £500 will be available for activities that promote engagement on issues of cultural expression and diversity. 12 of the 27 eligible groups accessed this funding in 2017 and it supported training and visits to a range of sites that enhanced awareness on issues of cultural expression.

**3.10** As in 2017, the future participation of groups who do not meet the aims of the programme will be considered by a review panel. Members are asked to consider whether they wish to retain the same Review Panel composition as in 2018, that is the Chair and Vice Chair of the Shared City Partnership, an independent member of the Shared City Partnership (in previous years NIHE) and an independent member to verify a fair and equitable approach. Members are asked to agree to retain the independent assessor who participated in 2017 (subject to their agreement).

**3.11** The recommended model will be considered by Council on 9 April. Officers are currently developing the revised framework and application in line with this recommended approach. It is hoped that the application process will be administered as follows:

<b>Opening date</b>	<b>Monday 23 April</b>
<b>Information sessions</b>	<b>w/c 23 April</b>
<b>Closing date</b>	<b>Friday 11 May</b>
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>14-25 May</b>
<b>Letters of Offer issued</b>	<b>by Friday 1 June</b>

**3.12** Members should note that the closing date will be strictly applied and the programme will operate as other grant aid programmes.

**3.13** In light of the limited timescale to assess and issue Letters of Offer, members are asked to recommend that the Director of City & Neighbourhood Services be granted delegated

authority to approve funding awards. The Director has approved awards to the programme through delegated authority in the previous two years. A full list of successful applicants will be brought to the June meeting of the Shared City Partnership.

- 3.14 Members may wish to note that 70% (£875) of the £1,250 award will be paid initially to groups. This will be followed by the subsequent payment based on provision of appropriate receipts and delivering activity in line with the framework.
- 3.15 Members should note that there are challenges in monitoring how participants have complied with the guidelines. For health and safety reasons, monitoring cannot be carried out during the lighting of the bonfires themselves. Members are asked to approve that, as in previous years, Council should seek to appoint an independent contractor to review sites.

There has been no engagement to date by officers on the issue of bonfires. In other years officers would have engaged with participating groups to establish which wanted to use a bonfire beacon and support communities in local engagement. Although a number of sites have used beacons on an ongoing basis, they have to seek support from their communities on an annual basis to use beacons rather than traditional bonfires. This lack of engagement may have an impact on the numbers of beacons accessed and numbers participating in the overall programme.

3.16 2017 Review Panel

An independent consultant was appointed to visit all participating sites on the 2017 Bonfire and Cultural Expression programme up to 8pm on 11 July. The findings of this report were presented to the Shared City Partnership in August 2017. The report identified that five groups had not met all the aims of the 2017 Bonfire and Cultural Expression programme.

Groups representing these sites met the Review Panel on 8 February 2018. As previously agreed the chair, vice chair and representative of NIHE sat on this panel.

This year it was agreed that an independent assessor would be appointed to attend the panel meeting. Their role was to:

- Provide a challenge function and independent advice to the review panel in relation to the issues that groups face in trying to meet the aims of the programme
- Make observations on the decision making process to ensure that it is robust and takes a consistent, fair approach to all sites

**Following consideration of the monitoring report and the previous engagement of the five groups on the programme the panel have agreed the following recommendations in respect of three considerations:**

- 1. This group should receive the final 30% of the first stage payment for activity already undertaken subject to receipt of all relevant documentation.**
- 2. This group should be able to access the additional funding available for cultural activity for groups who met the aims of the programme.**
- 3. This group should be eligible to take part in a 2018 programme**

	<b>1.</b>	<b>2.</b>	<b>3.</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
Whitecity Community Association on behalf of Graymount Residents	Yes	No	Yes	This group accessed £500 as a new group who could not sign up to all the aims of the programme.
Dunmurry Community Association	Yes	No	Yes	The bonfire was burnt by individuals not linked to the site on 10 <sup>th</sup> July and management of the site was challenging. The group is keen to continue engagement and there is ongoing cross community work with groups in the Colin area.
Cregagh Community Association	Yes	No	Yes	This group joined the Programme in 2015 from the Castlereagh Borough Council area. They did not take part in 2016 but are keen to continue engagement. The group should be encouraged to engage in good relations activity focused on cultural identity and cross community engagement.
Suffolk Community Forum	Yes	No	Yes – 60% of funding should be awarded to activities that will support good relations engagement	There was recognition of the need for capacity building on good relations and cultural identity themes. Officers will work with the group to develop that part of the programme.
Cluan Place/ Stormount St Residents Association	Yes	No	No	The panel views that there is no capacity for this organisation to meet the aims of the programme at present.

**3.17 Members are asked to consider the review Panel’s decisions and recommend them to SP&R.**

### 3.18 Financial & Resource Implications

#### Available Budget

Good Relations programme	£50,000
Belfast City Council	£59,500
NIHE	£35,000 (unconfirmed for 18/19)
PCSP	£15,000 (unconfirmed for 18/19)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£109,500 (confirmed) £159,500 (unconfirmed)</b>

#### Expenditure

Repair, installation and transport of 10 beacons	£60,000
Funding for 20 events	£35,000 (25 additional events could be supported with additional £50,000 resource from NIHE/PCSP)
Cleansing costs for participating sites	£10,000
Monitoring	£3,000
Miscellaneous	£1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£109,500</b>

### 3.19 Equality or Good Relations Implications

**The Bonfire Programme aims to promote the positive celebration of culture which will have a positive impact on good relations. This is a sensitive issue and the detail of any agreed programme will have to be equality screened. Officers will undertake to do this in the coming weeks.”**

Following a query from a Member regarding the appointment on an independent contractor to review sites, the officer undertook to highlight in the tender correspondence that it would be the Council’s preference that more than one individual would undertake the monitoring of the Programme on 11th July.

The Partnership adopted the recommendations.

Chairperson