

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY 9th AUGUST, 2021

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson);
Alderman Rodgers; and
Councillor Magennis.

External Members: Mr. C. Gardner, Good Relations, TEO;
Mr. S. Hamilton, Chief Executive of the Belfast Chamber of
Trade and Commerce;
Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;
Rev. K. Jardine, Faith Sector;
Ms. G. Mornhinweg, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust;
Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector.

In attendance: Mrs. A. Allen, Neighbourhood Services Manager;
Mr. S. Lavery, Programme Manager;
Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE IV Programme Manager;
Mrs. K. McCrum, Democratic Services Officer; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf of Councillors M. Kelly and M. O'Hara and Ms. B. Arthurs, Miss. G Duggan, Mrs. J. Hawthorne, Mr. P. Mackel, Mr. M. O'Donnell, Superintendent Pollock and Ms. A. M. White.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 7th June, 2021 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations were recorded.

Update on Membership

The Chairperson welcomed Rev. K. Jardine, representing the Faith Sector, Ms. G. Mornhinweg, representing the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, and Ms. A. Roberts, representing the Community and Voluntary Sector (East) to their first meeting and on behalf of the Partnership conveyed thanks to the outgoing representatives for their commitment and dedication to the Partnership.

Peace Plus Programme - Presentation from Blu Zebra, Locus and Venture International

The Chairperson commenced by providing the Members with a brief overview of the Peace Plus Programme. He advised that representatives from the consultants appointed by the SEUPB (led by Blu Zebra, Locus and Venture International) were in attendance to present to the Partnership and, accordingly, Ms. Therese Hogg, Mr. Bruce Hogg, Ms. Bridget Enslin (Blu Zebra) and Mr. Ciaran Boylan were welcomed to the meeting.

Ms. Therese Hogg commenced by providing a summary of the emerging Peace Plus Programme. She advised that they were keen to seek the Partnership's views regarding the current structures and how they might align with the Council's current processes and initiatives already in place.

She drew the Members' attention to the six thematic areas, along with the investment areas and the proposed expenditure for each, as follows:

- Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities;
- Delivering Economic Regeneration and Transformation;
- Empowering and Investing in Young People;
- Healthy and Inclusive Communities;
- Supporting a Sustainable and Better Connected Future; and
- Building and Embedding Partnership and Collaboration.

The Partnership was advised that the consultants' consortium was currently gathering information for the SEUPB in relation to Theme 1: Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities – Co-designed Local Community PEACE Actions Plans. Specifically point 1.1: to enable and empower local community partnerships, led by the local authorities to select and deliver priority projects on a cross community basis. She detailed that the plans would be centred around three core themes, as follows:

- Local community regeneration and transformation;
- Thriving and peaceful communities; and
- Building respect for all cultural identities.

In summary, views were being sought on the following key areas:

- The preparation of 17 overarching PEACE PLUS Action Plans;
- The creation of PEACE PLUS Local Community Partnerships for designated cluster areas (which collectively comprise all areas within each local authority);
- The development of a Co-designed Action Plans by each PEACE PLUS Local Community Partnership to include activities such as:
 - youth development programmes;
 - health and wellbeing initiatives;
 - community regeneration projects;
 - redevelopment and reimaging of existing community facilities for shared usage;
 - initiatives to build positive relations;
 - social innovation;
 - social enterprise and education and skills development programmes; and

- will address issues of racism and sectarianism, increase social inclusion and promote civil leadership.
- Resources to assist with the implementation of projects.

The Consultants' consortium advised that they were seeking to obtain information to identify feasible options for a PEACE PLUS Local Action Plan Model and Governance Structure in the Belfast City Council area local authority area. This aimed to ensure a consistent approach was adopted throughout and continuity between the model used to develop the PEACE PLUS Action Plans and other local authority processes, initiatives and structures in the Belfast area.

In terms of this, the Members were then asked to consider the following specific questions (which had been circulated in advance of the meeting):

- *What would a community planning approach to PEACE Plus look like?*
- *What would be the benefits and challenges of such an approach?*
- *How could it work in our local authority area?*
- *How does the Local Authority ensure local community engagement and participation in the co-design, co-delivery of the plan? (e.g. at DEA/ Area based level)*
- *What have been the main successes, challenges, opportunities for PEACE PLUS to build upon from PEACE IV?*

The Programme Manager updated the Members on the current work of the Council, advising that the development of the local action plans was only just commencing. Council officers were working with the consultants to gather more detail around the process for developing the local action plans and to seek clarity on issues such as timeframes, allocations and governance.

He advised the Members that the current priority was to raise awareness within areas such as the SCP, Community Planning and other structures to help ensure that the right governance was achieved to align with the requirements of the SEUPB but also to avoid duplication and links with the existing structures.

During discussion the following points were raised/highlighted:

- The need to ensure that people from a 'working class' background were educated in regard to the ethos of community planning to ensure that the people being targeted did not miss out on the opportunity;
- Further discussion required in regard to the vision, structure and final destination;
- A detailed audit required of what structures and plans currently existed within the Council, with a view to consolidating these into one plan which would be clearer for both the funders and applicants;
- Need to see overall picture (not just local) to ensure a broader spectrum;
- Ensure that any consultation with stakeholders was meaningful and that the responses were used to shape Action Plans, also important that the original consultees were consulted again following the initial consultation;

- Action Plans for the four areas needed to be more cohesive rather than just looking at each area individually, however, it was noted that whilst this might be preferable it was important to ensure that there was adequate resources available for such;
- Highlighted need for Group/Organisations to work together so there was an awareness as to who was applying for what; and
- Have a mix of Local/Citywide and Thematic. Possibly look at both Citywide and City Regional Projects.

The representatives undertook to further consider the points raised, following which the Chairperson thanked them for the update provided and they left the meeting.

Peace IV Update Reports

Update on Secretariat

The PEACE IV Programme Manager provided the Members with an update in respect of the Secretariat activity associated with the implementation of the Peace IV Local Action Plan.

The Partnership noted that with the relaxation of Health Protection Restrictions, project activity was gradually progressing with the introduction of some face to face activity. Projects were experiencing lower levels of participation to ensure compliance with government restrictions by the delivery partners.

The officer reported that, following submission of the PEACE IV Business Recovery Plan to the SEUPB, the formal modification process had commenced. Revised Letters of Offer (LoO) to extend the SSS Theme to 31st December 2022 had been received and accepted by the Council on 14th June 2021 and the BPR LoO for the inclusion of the BPR6 St Comgall's project into the BPR theme had also been received and accepted by the Council on 24th June 2021.

She reported that further modification requests to extend the delivery timeframe for the BPR and CYP themes to 31st December 2022 had also been submitted to the SEUPB and were being progressed with revised Letters of Offer received on 4 August 2021. On receipt of formal Letters of Offer the relevant contract addendums would be issued to Delivery Partners.

Regarding implementation, the delivery partners were continuing to request modifications as necessary to enable project delivery. She reminded the Members that they had previously agreed that the Programme Board should consider mitigations required by the delivery partners and she drew the Member's attention to the modifications as considered and approved, included below as Appendix 1. She reported that it was anticipated that project activity would further progress as recovery increased. In addition, she reported that the delivery partners would be asked to submit revised implementation plans to ensure the achievement of targets and outcomes.

The Programme Manager advised that, during June, two virtual events had taken place, both had been well attended with 28 people joining the Chinese Culture Café and 34 people engaging with the Media's Role in Peace Building Online Conference. Planning for the next phase of events, scheduled to commence in September 2021, was currently underway with events scheduled to coincide with International Day of Peace and Good Relations Week.

She reported that a recruitment exercise was currently underway to appoint the vacant post of Building Positive Relations Thematic Project Manager.

The Partnership was informed that the SEUPB had reimbursed all claims up to and including Period 25 claims.

Period 26 claims for all themes totalling £546,456.67 had been submitted to SEUPB at the end of May 2021. The SEUPB had advised that the verification process was ongoing and that the turnaround timeframe was likely to be extended due to the resource impacts.

Preparation for Claim Period 27 was to be submitted by end of August 2021 and this was currently being progressed.

The Partnership recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report.

APPENDIX I

PEACE IV Project Modifications – June / July 2021

Programme Board Approval - Requested 8 July 2021

No	Project	Delivery Partner	Proposal	Recommendation to Board
1	BPR2: Creative Communities	Internal-TCAH	<p>Change request- Moving a thematic cluster based around School Art with Malone Integrated College to an area based cluster, namely Ardoyne due to school no longer able to commit because of implications around 'class bubbles'.</p> <p>The area based cluster proposes to work with borderline NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training), males and females between the ages of 16 and 19 who are based at BCT NI.</p>	Recommend approval to change from thematic to area cluster, subject to confirmation of cross community involvement and SEUPB approval.
2	BPR3: Transform for Change	NICVA	<p>Request to run a cross-Belfast TLP course in the Autumn starting in Sept (in place of an area-specific one-Village/Westlink).</p> <p>The course would be specifically for a cross-community group of key people actively in local interface areas across Belfast who are keen and prepared to come together and learn together on the Transformative Leadership Programme.</p>	Recommend approval to delivery a citywide TLP course in place of an area specific TLP, starting September'21.

3	BPR1: Cross Community Area Networks	NIHE	<p>BPR1 Southwest Belfast Network are working with three partners, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (predominantly CNR community background), Suffolk Events Circle (predominantly PUL community background), and Finaghy Community Association (predominantly PUL community background).</p> <p>NIHE have highlighted the need for some initial preparatory work to develop confidence of participants and capacity building on an individual group level to prepare them to move to cross community work that will inevitably ensure the success of this network.</p> <p>Proposed number of preparatory hours: 8 hrs</p>	Recommend approval to conduct 8 hours of preparatory work with groups, subject to SEUPB approval.
4	CYP5 and BPR1: Cross Community Area Networks	NIHE	<p>As NIHE continue to mobilise the project multiple minor modification requests, such as amending type of participant (Core/Peer) and adding new locations into the Cluster.</p> <p>Given that both NIHE projects are significantly behind schedule, the Secretariat is requesting that the Programme Board agree to delegate authority to the BPR Chair, PIV Programme Manager and CYP TPM to consider minor modifications to the projects. All decisions will be taken in line with programme rules and will be subject to SEUPB approval where applicable.</p> <p>This request will enable prompt decision making to enable the project progress without any delay</p>	Recommend Programme Board agreed delegated authority to BPR Chair, PIV Programme Manager and CYP TPM to consider urgent modifications up to 31 August 2021, subject to adherence with PIV Programme Rules and SEUPB approval, as required.
5	CYP1 Lot 3: Tech Connects	BELFAST MET	Belfast Met, have advised of challenges engaging 17-24 year old participants. To address this they have suggested taking the project mobile into target areas, however, they have also recommended including 16 year olds in the project to enable young people transitioning from school at 16 to get involved in the project. This will also enable the delivery partner to draw on a wider pool of participants	Recommend Programme Board agree the inclusion of 16-year olds in the target age group for Tech Connects, Lot 3.

6	CYP4 Young Advocates	Cooperation Ireland	Cooperation Ireland are finding it difficult to secure a residential centre due to post Covid demands on this sector. The delivery agent has therefore suggested if necessary that they can revert to day activity to deliver their condensed course. All objectives will remain the same, albeit the overnight aspect will be removed.	Recommend Programme Board approve the request for CYP4 to be delivered in a condensed format via day activity, as opposed to a residential, if suitable accommodation is not available.
7	SSS	BCC	A recent procurement strategy proposed increasing the number of art pieces along Forth Meadow Community Greenway from 3 pieces (1 major and 2 smaller artworks) to a minimum of 6 pieces (1 major and a minimum of 5 smaller artworks). This is to provide a trail element that will help to encourage people to move along the Greenway. The artworks will be delivered within the assigned £200k budget.	Recommend Programme Board approve the request to increase the number of artworks to a minimum of 6 along the Greenway

PEACE IV Project Modifications – Programme Board Approval - Requested 24 June 2021

No	Project	Delivery Partner	Proposal	Recommendation to Board
1	CYP2: Playing Our Part in the City	Active Communities Network	Condensing 5 sessions of contact hours into 15-hour overnight residential for one cohort 40 young people, (Ledley Hall Boys & Girls Club, paired with Ardooye YC) comprising of 20 CNR & 20 PUL to engage in overnight residential in order to meet programme objectives. The required number of contact hours will be achieved	Recommend approval to change delivery approach, condensing contact hours into 15-hour residential for one cohort, subject to SEUPB approval
2	CYP5: Local Area Networks	NIHE	To amend CYP5 East Belfast network to include participants from Lower Ormeau Resident's Action Group (LORAG) following withdrawal of all youth groups in Short Strand. All avenues have now been exhausted to secure participation in the core network with CNR Groups from the Short Strand.	Recommend approval to add participants from LORAG to CYP5 East Belfast network to allow programming activity to continue

			<p>Whilst LORAG is technically in South Belfast, they are in close proximity with the group in Lagan Village and inclusion of LORAG enables the CNR profile for the Network to be achieved</p> <p>Short Strand has indicated they may be able to participate in the future as peer participants.</p>	
3	BPR3 TFC	NICVA	<p>The Programme Board previously agreed to explore revised payment terms with NICVA and these are currently being refined. As part of this request NICVA has also requested an extension to delivery to June 2022</p> <p>This will enable NICVA to deliver a further 8 cluster courses and achieve a minimum of 120 participants</p>	<p>Recommend approval to extent project delivery to May 2022 as an interim</p> <p>On confirmation from SEUPB of BPR extension / LoO to further extend delivery for BPR3 TFC to June 2022</p>
4	<p>CYP3 Sports</p> <p>CYP3 Personal Change</p> <p>CYP4 Young Advocates</p> <p>CYP5: Local Area Networks</p> <p>BPR1 Cross Community Area Networks</p> <p>BPR2 Creative Communities</p>	<p>BCC Leisure</p> <p>Extern</p> <p>Cooperation Ireland</p> <p>NIHE</p> <p>NIHE</p> <p>BCC TCAH</p>	<p>Blanket Approval for all projects that comprise of residential activity.</p> <p>Proposal to replace cross-border residential activity with day activity within NI, for as long as Covid restrictions are in place, in order to meet project target hours and comply with Public Health Guidance</p>	<p>Recommend approval to replace cross-border residential activity with day activity within NI, for as long as Covid restrictions are in place, subject to agreement by the relevant Thematic Project Manager, PIV Manager and SEUPB approval</p>

Children and Young People (CYP) Update

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the Children and Young People's (CYP) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and agree to invite Active Communities Network to present at a future SCP meeting.

3.0 Main report

Project Updates

3.1 CYP 1 – Tech Connects

GIGA Training (Afterschool's & Digital Arts Academies (Tech Camps)

Digital Summer camps are progressing with the following for each age group:

	6-11 yr olds	12-16 yr olds	Total
Completed	35	12	47
Recruited & Participating	176	82	258
Total	211	94	305

Content includes Minecraft, Digital Arts & DJ Skills/ Production with a Virtual Reality activity to replace the trip to W5 as per modification request previously approved by members. Sessions will take place in Girdwood Community Hub & the Black Box, Belfast. Morrow Communications will attend sessions across the summer to capture anecdotal evidence & feedback from the young people. Programme delivery will continue until end of August and plans for Halloween camp recruitment will progress. All of these programmes are risk assessed and social distancing measures will continue due to these age groups not being eligible for the COVID vaccination. Within these age groups, cases of Covid are on the rise and these measures are precautionary to minimise community transmission.

Belfast Metropolitan College (Digital Insights Programme) (17-24 yr. olds)

BMC have explored options to make the programme mobile and deliver locally within a community group setting. Planning for the

remainder of 2021 is ongoing with BYTES Project and other project partners to ensure progress towards the target of 160 is achieved.

A group from North / West Belfast will be completing an information session in early August. Then the group will progress to full delivery sessions and completion of registration forms etc. Belfast Metropolitan College are advising of challenges engaging 17-24-year-old participants. To address this, the delivery partner is taking the project in mobile form into the target areas, however they also believe that including 16-year olds in the project would significantly help attract participants. This would enable young people who are transitioning from school at 16 to get involved in the project. Members are asked to note this potential modification which will be considered by the Programme Board.

3.2 CYP 2 - Playing our Part in the City

Year 3 activity is progressing for Active Communities Network with Lagmore & Aspire groups completing the programme. Filming of the event was shared on the BCC social media platforms.

Over 190 participants and 32 parents are engaging in this summer programme, with Year 4 participants being recruited to also begin sessions in July/August 21.

Two group pairings require additional time for delivery into August due to COVID positive tests/ isolation periods delaying programming and scheduling of parents/ young people to attend.

Members are asked to note that participants within the Ardoyne & Ledley Hall and Walkway groups also are isolating and as such face to face will recommence 26 July and roll into August.

Despite challenges in delivery, the delivery partner is accelerating activity and is scheduled to complete in December 2021 and it is proposed that members invite Active Communities Network to present at a future SCP meeting.

3.3 CYP3 – On the Right Track – Sports and Personal Change elements

A new lead officer was successfully recruited and took up post on 28 June 2021. Handover has been completed with new pairings being progressed to encourage additional registrations.

The CYP TPM progressed activity during the recruitment period which resulted in 47 young people from St Galls & Church of Ireland Hockey completing the OCN in Inclusion & Diversity. This resulted in nearly fully achieving the required contact time via joint sports sessions and team building days. Groups have to nominate the young champions from each club, to progress to the sports leaders training with Active Communities Network. An additional 19 young people from Tullycarnet & Willowbank FC have fully achieved their cross-community contact time. As this was such a

successful partnership, they would like to put forward another age group to take part in the programme.

Like the other Children & Young People programmes, members are reminded that Cross Border Residential are being replaced with day activities within NI. This is only on a temporary basis whilst there is a cross border travel ban due to COVID.

Recruitment of remaining participants remains high risk, with the current number recruited at 597. From a target of 1800, a balance of 1203 young people would be required to complete the programme by 31 Oct 2022. This would require 86 young people per month to complete programme, which presents a huge challenge.

3.4 Personal Change

From a target of 42, 29 young people have completed the programme to date – with a balance of 13 to achieve in the final cohort. Members are reminded that the final cohort of 19 young people have registered and are attending ongoing Mentoring sessions and group work / day activities. Extern have facilitated discussions in a safe environment around diversity, racism, sectarianism and to increase knowledge and awareness around different communities and cultures within our society. The young people have completed prejudice and discrimination OCN. 2 Residential took place in May 2021 and 4 Educational visits also took place in May. Sporting Activities are being planned for August onwards.

Members are advised that the recognition event for the previous cohort is to take place 4th August 2021 at the MAC Belfast with the SCP Chair in attendance to present certificates of achievement.

3.5 CYP 4 – Cooperation Ireland (Young Advocates)

A change of delivery was approved by programme board members and SEUPB with Cooperation Ireland commencing delivery from May/June 21 through to December 2021. However due to staffing changes in the project, an additional delay in delivery is likely. This delay will have no impact to the 60 hours cross community contact hours required or to the 32 participants remaining to be recruited. Delivery agent has approval now to deliver training primarily through residential based work. This decision was based on the feedback from the current partner organisations across Belfast. Partners consulted included R City, Saints & Holy Trinity YC, and East Belfast Alternatives. SEUPB have also permitted Cooperation Ireland to deliver a small percentage of preparatory work to develop confidence of participants and capacity building on an individual group level to prepare them to move to cross community work. The only impact of the delays was the delivery agent requesting an extension of 3 – 5 months into April 22, which is within the current CYP Letter of Offer and will not require SEUPB approval. This was approved by programme board members via

written procedure. Delivery will be monitored, and a potential modification request may follow.

3.6 CYP 5 – NIHE Local Area Network Partner Delivery

NIHE continues to experience difficulties in engaging participant groups and limited activity to offer to participants, due to the procurement challenges and delays directly impacted by COVID. Due to delay from registration, to scheduling delivery sessions and securing delivery agents, NIHE is currently reviewing their participant groups who had previous committed to the project but have zero hours of attendance. It is expected that the number of participants that have been recruited and participating in the project will be significantly reduced.

Members should note requests made by NIHE:

- (i) to add participants in the North Belfast CCAN, namely, Ligoniel and Ballysillian.
- (ii) To add Resolve Community group and Diamond Resident's Group to the East Belfast CCAN.
- (iii) Include a small number of hours (8 hrs) preparatory work to develop confidence of participant and capacity building on an individual group level to prepare them to move to cross community work. This is applicable to several groups including the South West Belfast Network (Colin, Suffolk, Finaghy).

All these requests were approved via written procedure in order to drive and encourage recruitment.

Members are also asked to note the change within the South Belfast networks and that it is proceeding albeit with groups assigned to different categories (Peer & Core). The geographic location of the network remains unchanged and approval to include Foster Carers Association participants had been previously agreed.

Financial and Resource Implications

To date all PEACE IV costs for the CYP Theme up to Period 25 have been fully reimbursed by SEUPB. The Period 26 totalling £147,494 is currently being verified by SEUPB. Claims for the claim Period 27 (1 May – 31 Jul 21) are currently being progressed.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015. The Equality Consultative Forum was further consulted on 18 November 2020.”

A Member enquired about measures to enable delivery of CYP3 and CYP5 projects. The Programme Manager advised that an extended delivery timeframe would help to achieve targets. Members were also advised that discussions with NIHE were being progressed.

The Partnership recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report and agreed to invite representatives from Active Communities Network to present to a future meeting.

Shared Spaces and Services (SSS) Update

The Programme Manager provided an update on the progress made to date in respect of the SSS theme, within the Peace IV Local Action Plan. She advised that, as with the other projects, the easing of COVID restrictions was contributing towards enabling the progress of both elements with implementation of the capital and programming elements progressing, although Government restrictions continued to have some impact specifically on the delivery of programme elements.

She referred to several capital projects which were being undertaken as part of the initiative, including:

Capital Works – Forth Meadow Community Greenway - Springfield Dam – the Social Value Clause supported Bio-Diversity projects with 3 local Primary Schools (Naiscoil an tSleibhe Dhuibh, Springfield Primary School and Blackmountain Primary School) having completed at the end of June, with all schools providing evaluation reports and photos. As reported previously, the Council had agreed to the naming of the new bridge in Springfield Dam. The process would be the same as that undertaken for Colin Park, in that a shortlist of names would be agreed, via community engagement through a cross community panel before going to a final public vote. As a result of other naming processes that were currently ongoing, it had been decided to delay the panel meeting until the end of August / start of September 2021. Subject to Health Protection Restrictions, the panel would either meet virtually or face to face.

PEACE IV Network Scheme – Capital Works – the contractor had commenced works on Section 1 (Glencairn / Clarendon) on 14th June. Works were progressing well, with completion of Section 1 programmed for 7th January 2022. The estimated dates for planning decisions for Sections 2 (Invest NI site) and Section 3 (Whiterock and Falls Road) being August 2021. Assuming planning was granted in August 2021, works were scheduled to commence in Section 2 in September and Section 3 in October. The estimated dates for planning decisions for Section 4 (Bog Meadows) and Section 5 (Broadway / Transport Hub) being October 2021, with work expected to commence on Section 4 in January 2022, and on Section 5 in February 2022. Works to be completed in both Sections 4 and 5 in September 2022.

Engagement with key stakeholders and the wider community to provide regular updates was being prioritised, with a presentation made to TACIT on 6th July and a further presentation scheduled with GVRT, Glencairn Residents and Greater Falls Neighbourhood Partnership. The Management and Maintenance Working Group continued to meet on a regular basis to review whole life costs and long-term maintenance arrangements for the FMCG.

Regarding programming, the Partnership was informed that all aspects of programming were progressing where possible.

In regard to the other Programmes:

- **Shared History, Heritage and Identity Content / Narratives for Shared Space**

With the easing of COVID restrictions, the project lead had established 12 discussion groups, engaged with 69 individuals, and submitted 32 draft narratives for initial review, panels in Sections 1, 2 and 3. A SSS internal sub-group had met on 19th July to review the narratives for Section 1, with no issues or concerns. A report was currently being prepared for consideration by the Programme Board with a proposed presentation on the narratives to the Partnership in September 2021.

- **Shared Space Volunteer Training**

The recent process had been successful with a contract having been awarded to Volunteer Now to support the delivery of the Volunteer Local Ambassadors project. A signed contract had been returned and an initiation meeting facilitated. The programme had been unable to approve a suitable provider for the Volunteer Nature and History Guides. Following the SEUPB approval, a quotation approach had been taken for each of these themes and quotation documentation had been issued to 6 providers per theme, the closing date for this being 12th August at 3:00 p.m.

The easing of restrictions had enabled Sustrans to facilitate on-site, face-to-face training for both the Cycle and Walking leads projects. She reported that Sustrans were using Farset International for some of the desk-based elements of the training. Recruitment of the second group was ongoing with 15 individuals having registered an interest, 6 of which had completed applications, with 2 having been fully processed.

- **Dialogue and Engagement Project (young people, residents and BME groups)**

Phase 1 of the dialogue and engagement work (initial bilateral calls with stakeholders) was now complete. In total, MDL had spoken with 13 individuals and had gathered the insights from the discussions. A resident's survey had been developed, using Mentimeter, this would be available soon via BCC's EHQ platform. The survey would be promoted for residents along the Greenway to complete and would be open for comments until 27th September.

In addition, an outline plan of the next steps (phase 2) was being finalised. Phase 2 would commence in September, with presentations to The Disability Advisory Panel and Migrant Forum, along with a site visit to Belfast and online workshops, before completing in December 2021.

- **Governance / Management Model**

A contract initiation meeting had been held with the successful applicant, Viatic Limited, on 24th June. Due to delays and ongoing restrictions, Viatic had asked for the delivery timeframe to be revised to enable the project to run into early 2022. Key stakeholders were currently being identified, along with the different sections and levels of involvement of stakeholders based on their current experience around levels of community governance. Viatic was scheduling a visit to Belfast from 23rd – 24th September 2021 to meet with key stakeholders.

- **Youth Engagement and Civic Education**

The public tender call had closed with no applications received. Feed-back had been sought from those organisations who had initially registered an interest and included comments such as the targets being too high and unachievable within the specified

timeframe, and the budget not being adequate to support the required engagement work. An engagement and feedback session had been held on 27th July with key youth providers from the communities, along FMCG giving input to the development of a remodelled ITT, ahead of the project being readvertised.

- **Springfield Dam activities**

The Men's Shed had commenced at the Springfield Dam site on 22nd July, with a 10-week Hedge Chair project involving a cross community group of 8 men. Unfortunately, several participants tested positive for COVID and a number of others had to self-isolate which resulted in the full group not being able to attend. A review would be undertaken to determine the impact or potential delay of the project.

In addition, activities involving children from local summer schemes had been scheduled for early to Mid-August.

- **Modular Building**

Following approval by DMT of the recommendations of the updated options report, Community Services will manage the Springfield Dam Park Modular Building as an unmanned building with bookings being administered through OSAL in line with the processes and procedures for booking a Park Pavilion.

The Partnership were advised that up to and including claim 25 the SEUPB had now fully reimbursed £1,589,170 in relation to this theme. The claim and reporting for Period 26, totalling £50,171, was currently being verified by the SEUPB.

Members asked for an update on the Social Value Clause associated with Forth Meadow Community Greenway regarding the approach, value and activity to be delivered. The Programme Manager advised the Social Value Clause for Springfield Dam was utilised to address Anti Social Behaviour around the site and also for Schools related diversity projects. A small amount of the clause is to be allocated. The Programme Manager advised that the Physical Programme Unit was managing the Social Value Clause for the wider Greenway and that further details will be requested and circulated to members in due course.

The Partnership recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report and agreed to invite Mediation NI to present the Shared History Narratives to the Partnership in September 2021.

Building Positive Relations (BPR) Update

The Partnership considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the Building Positive Relations (BPR) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and related appendices.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

Face-to -face activity across all BPR projects is gaining momentum as easement of restrictions continues. Appendix I provides detail on Project progress through the RAG report as at July 2021.

3.1 BPR1 – Cross Community Area Networks

CCANs across the City have re-engaged following a period of disengagement due to recent community unrest. Approval from SEUPB has been granted for some single identity work in West Belfast 1 to encourage participation onto the wider programme. It is envisaged that the Good Relations Programme in some CCANs will commence in August.

Modifications to include Ligoniel and Ballysillan in North Belfast and adding the Resolve Community group and Diamond Resident's Group to the East Belfast CCAN has been agreed.

The Place Shaping tender closed on 15th July, with a scoring panel arranged to progress appointment of a suitable contractor.

Following the departure of two GRO's, NIHE have successfully conducted internal recruitment exercises to replace Officers. Both have commenced post.

3.2 BPR2 – Creative Communities Project

The Artist/Heritage residency programme has resumed face-to-face delivery with Woodvale/Ardoyne, Clonard/Mid-Shankill, Divis/Lower Shankill and Football clusters. A quotation is being progressed internally for the appointment of Artist in Residence for the Inner East cluster. LGBTQ+ is yet to be mobilised and conversations with key individuals are ongoing.

Due to difficulties in committing to the programme, the Malone Integrated School cluster group a request has been submitted to replace this activity with a cluster based in Ardoyne comprising of young NEET adults.

The artist in residence appointed to work with the Carlisle Cluster has highlighted issues in completing the delivery of the contract. Officers are meeting with the artist to determine a way forward and future planning for the Cluster is underway.

3.3 BPR3 – Transform for Change Project

Transformative Leadership Programme: Summer cohorts (April – July 2021) have now completed the Leadership Training element with 86 learners (subject to approval). The delivery agent is now focusing their efforts on recruitment for Autumn cohorts with 7 TLP courses planned for this period. Local project development continues across the City and include Community Gardens, Branding and Identity, Intergenerational events and Multi-Cultural festivals. A project development workshop session is taking place 28 July for all participants who have been part of the programme and have not taken up the opportunity to develop a project in their area.

Plans are underway, following easement of COVID restrictions, to convene the organisation of local community engagement events and local study visits.

3.4 BPR4 – Belfast and the World (BATW)

Both the Ligoniel and Ballynafeigh cohorts have now completed the programme with the open online cohort due to complete mid-August. The Delivery Agent is on target to complete the year 3 target with 96% completion rate.

Recruitment is underway for the final year cohorts and activity is expected to commence late August/September.

The delivery of the EU Study trips remains on hold as some travel restrictions to EU countries persist. Consideration of alternative trips across NI and ROI continue to be explored with the Delivery Agent and their Steering Committee.

3.5 BPR5 – Supporting Connected Communities - LINCS Projects

Cultural workshops have re-commenced across the 4 Neighbourhood Participatory Forums. The delivery agent is planning Cultural Day in C.S Lewis Square on 24th September and another cultural day in North Belfast in October at the Waterworks. South, West and East groups have been participating in away days to beaches, the most recent being Crawfordsburn, where 95 adults and children attended.

BPR5 – Traveller Project - Supporting Connected Communities

Following nil responses for the Traveller Support Hub tender, a pre-market engagement session was held on 21 July 21. The tender will be re-advertised on 30 July 21 with a closing date of 10 September 21.

In an effort to engage the Traveller Community, a ‘Lets do Lunch’ event is being held on 6 August as part of the West Belfast Féile an Phobail. This event will enable Travellers and host communities to interact and share cultural experiences. With the

easement of COVID restrictions engagement plans are underway to meet key individuals from the Traveller community and promote the programme further. On the back of these introductions and trust building meetings, it is anticipated that the Culture and Heritage workshops will commence in early Autumn.

BPR5 – Roma Project - Supporting Connected Communities

The Roma Support Programme launched successfully online on 15th June and the advice clinic has been operational for the past 2 weeks with 14 appointments. The Building Positive Relations programme is commencing on 26 July with face-to-face sessions and will continue throughout the summer period.

The delivery agent has advised *that delivery* of the OCN element of the programme is no longer available and a modification to amend this element is being progressing. Potential options include an unaccredited conversational English course. This modification will be considered by the Programme Board to ensure it meets the same outcomes.

3.6 BPR6 – St. Comgalls

The project launched successfully on 2 July 21 with a photocall and tour of the St Comgall's Building. Workshops for young people have commenced with 5 sessions completed to date. Adult cohorts will commence activity in September and plans for a networking event and seminar are underway.

3.7 Financial and Resource Implications

All BPR project delivery partners are regularly reviewing delivery methods and contractual deliverables which will determine the level and impact of COVID 19 crisis.

To date all PEACE IV costs for the BPR Theme, up to Period 25 totalling £1,215,673 have been fully eligible and reimbursed by SEUPB. The Period 26 Claim for £348,790.55 is currently being verified by SEUPB

3.8 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015. The Equality Consultative Forum was further consulted on 18 November 2020.”

The Partnership recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report.

Update on Good Relations Action Plan

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To update the SCP on delivery of the District Council Good Relations Plan (DCGRP) 2021/22.

2.0 Recommendations

Members are asked to note the updates to the DCGRP Action Plan 21/22 contained in Appendix 1.

Members are asked to approve that the budget to NBIN/TASCIT for the Challenging Conversations project under BCC 8 Our Safe Community be increased from £5k to £6,565 noting that this can be accommodated within the allocation to that Programme with no impact on other projects.

Members are asked to note that the Dean Clarke Foundation has been allocated £1,940 towards a diversionary programme of activity for the Tigers Bay/Mountcollyer area under delegated authority under the Strategic Intervention Programme.

Main report – Project Details

- 3.1** Members will be aware that the Council submits an annual action plan to the Executive Office (TEO) every year in order to draw down funding for the good relations work of the council. The draft Action Plan 21/22 was approved by Council via the Partnership in February 21 and was submitted by the deadline of 22 February 2021.
- 3.2** A Letter of Offer for the District Council Good Relations Programme 21/22 was subsequently received in awarding an amount of £571,893.27 with the Council required to provide match funding of at least £190,631.09. From the funding supplied by TEO, £374,205 must be allocated towards Programme costs.
- 3.3** Given that the Action Plan was submitted in February 2021, a small number of revisions are required, and these have been listed below for Member's approval. Partnership is being asked to approve these.
- 3.4** A copy of the Action Plan with a brief update on progress is attached for Members' information.

3.5 Decisions for Members

A number of Letters of Offer have been issued to groups for projects which have been named within the GR Action Plan 2/22 and approved by Council. The majority of these are contained within the BCC8 Programme ‘Our Safe Community’

These include:

- New Lodge Arts: £2,500 contribution to the annual North Belfast Lantern Parade;
 - Belfast Interface Project: £10,000 contribution towards the further development of the Shared Futures programme.
 - NBIN/TASCIT - £2500 contribution towards annual cross community Christmas event.
- 3.6 The Partnership is also asked to approve the re-profiling of the DCGRP budget allocation towards the Challenging Conversations Programme which was originally £5,000 under projects to North Belfast Interface Network (NBIN)/TASCIT for a programme of cross-interface engagement. Having codesigned the programme with the group, an additional £1,565 is required for the programme to take place. This is due to increased costs since initial draft budget was forwarded to Officers in November 2020 to allow for inclusion in the Action Plan which was submitted in February 2021.
- 3.7 The Partnership is also asked to note that the Upper North Belfast Confidence Building Programme will be focussed on work with Women on a cross community basis. £9k had been allocated to this programme but the revised budget for this programme is only £5,325.
- Therefore, there is scope to realign the budget under this theme without reducing any other project's costs.
- Strategic Intervention Fund**
- 3.8 Members will also recall that in the Action Plan 21/22 a new targeted Strategic Intervention programme had been introduced with the funds being directed to a distributed on an area basis.
- 3.9 This was to ensure that the approach could be targeted, strategic and proactive and could include work at interface areas or on good relations issues impacting the specific area. Work can take place all year round and not just at certain times of the year. 15k has been allocated to each area with the condition that any project must address good relations issues and one of the T:BUC priorities. This allocation is discussed at Area Team level meaning there is complementarity and a coordination of resources. The projects are agreed by the relevant Good Relations Officer, Neighbourhood Integration Manager and Neighbourhood Services Area Manager, the latter of which SCP agreed could be granted delegated authority.
- 3.10 Members are asked to note that under the theme of the DCGRP BCC 10 Strategic Intervention Programme, the following has been allocated:
- Dean Clarke Foundation: £1,940 towards a diversionary programme of activity for the Tigers Bay/Mountcollyer area. This is to address the sectarian behaviours in and around

Alexandra Park and promote the park as a safe and shared space.

Financial and Resource Implications

- 3.11 All costs can be covered through the District Council Good Relations Action Plan budget 21/22.**

Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

- 3.12 All the projects/programmes have been approved in the DCGRP 2021/22.”**

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it adopt the recommendations as outlined in 2.0 of the report.

Upcoming Events

The Programme Manager advised the Members of the following proposed events which they were welcome to attend. She further advised the Members to contact the officer/organisation responsible for the event should they require any additional information.

Event	Date	Contact	How to register
Online workshop: Strategies for addressing Anti- Muslim Hostility Delivered over 3 days	23rd September 30th September 7th October 11am-12.30pm Commitment is to attend all three sessions	Leish Dolan Ext 6028	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Online workshops: with Pivot UK, exploring Black history and heritage and the rich diversity of cultures within the African and Caribbean Communities in Belfast	During GR Week – details to be confirmed	Leish Dolan Ext 6028	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
International Day of Peace – PEACE IV Theme: Recovering Better for an Equitable and Peaceful World Content: involves school children / youth groups, interfaith perspectives and renowned guest speaker.	Tuesday, 21st September 2021	Megan Kearney	peace@belfastcity.gov.uk or via ND Events

Italian Culture Café - PEACE IV	During GR Week – details to be confirmed	Megan Kearney	peace@belfastcity.gov.uk or via ND Events
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Noted.

Good Relations Week – September 2021

Ms. J. Irwin advised that Good Relations Week was scheduled to be held from Monday, 20th - Sunday, 26th September. The theme was 'Brighter Days Ahead' which aimed to celebrate and spotlight the range of projects young people were involved in to break down barriers, unite communities and act as a catalyst for meaningful change in society. She explained that it was predominantly but not exclusively aimed at exploring many of the issues affecting the youth of today and how society could better meet those needs.

The Partnership was advised that, as in previous years, Councils and other organisations had been invited to stage events to highlight and promote the work being done to promote Good Relations.

Noted.

Update – Future Agenda Items

The Chairperson advised the Members that the Education Authority would present at the next Partnership meeting in respect of the support available for young people and also advised that a report on the Covid Research, which was being reviewed by the Living Here Board, would be submitted to the Partnership in due course.

Noted.

Chairperson