

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY 8th NOVEMBER, 2021

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor O'Hara (Deputy Chairperson);
Alderman Rodgers and Councillor Lyons.

External Members: Mr. J. Donnelly, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. C. Gardner, Good Relations, TEO;
Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;
Ms. K. Jardine, Faith Sector;
Mr. M. McBride, Education Authority;
Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Miss. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Ms. Ann Marie White, British Red Cross.

In attendance: Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE IV Programme Manager; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

Following a query from a Member, the Partnership agreed to write to the PSNI representative to encourage attendance at the meetings. It was further agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting which would give consideration to the Terms of Reference and whether organisations could appoint a nominee to attend in instances where their representative was unable to attend, given the importance of representation at the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf of the Chairperson, Councillor Kyle, and Councillor Kelly and Ms. B. Arthurs, Ms. G. Mornhinweg, Miss. G. Duggan, and Superintendent Pollock.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 11th October, 2021 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

No Declaration of Interest were reported.

Schedule of Meetings 2022

The Partnership approved the following schedule of meetings for 2022 and agreed that it should continue to meet at 1.30 p.m.:

- Monday, 17th January;
- Monday, 7th February;
- Monday, 7th March;
- Monday, 11th April;

- Monday, 9th May;
- Monday, 6th June;
- Monday, 8th August;
- Monday, 12th September;
- Monday, 10th October;
- Monday, 7th November; and
- Monday, 5th December.

Presentation from the Commission of Victims and Survivors

The Partnership was informed that Dr. K. Radford, Head of Research and Policy, and Mr. A. Sloan, Chief Executive Officer, representing the Commission for Victims and Survivors (CVS) were in attendance to present on the work of the Commission.

Dr Radford commenced by providing the Partnership with an overview of the purpose of the presentation, as follows:

- to grow an understanding of the relevance of victims' issues to aspects of civic life and community planning; and
- to consider what 'mainstreaming' could achieve in practice – across service provision and through shared working.

She then referred specifically to recent research undertaken by the CVS to review the current needs of victims and survivors and advised that this had clearly shown a need to improve the culture and use of shared public spaces and amenities and the benefits of addressing these in victim, sensitive, trauma informed ways.

She drew reference to the research "It didn't end in 98" which had been undertaken in partnership with QUB. She explained that this had used the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child as the lens through which to explore attitudes and experiences of three generations into the following four key areas:

- Divided Space;
- Family Life and Parenting;
- Paramilitarism and Policing; and
- Health and Well-being.

She advised that, in August this year, the CVS and LucidTalk had conducted a population survey dedicated to the general public's views on aspects of the troubles/conflict and she proceeded to provide a comprehensive analysis of the findings, including details of the findings from within the Belfast City Council area specifically. She reported that there was a number of areas where public opinion had deemed that the way forward should be inclusive of the specific needs and insights informed by victims and survivors lived experiences but added that many of these already overlapped with work undertaken within local government.

The representative concluded the presentation by emphasising the need for joined-up working. She highlighted that the issue of shared spaces, community and family life permeated across society and were not specific to any one age group, community background or political persuasion. She further advised that the Commission had recently made representation to The Executive Office and had advocated strongly for the departmental champions on victims' issues to be established across all departments.

Going forward, she encouraged the Members to consider ways that the Commission could aid the work of the Partnership and the Council to affect strategic and operational decision making, ensuring that long term the needs and rights of victims and survivors were considered within a shared value base and that their children and future generations would help to shape these conversations and decisions.

Detailed discussion ensued, during which there was agreement on the need to involve future generations. Partnership members from the Community Sector in West Belfast and the Education Authority advised of relevant work they were currently undertaking in respect of Intergenerational Trauma and agreed to liaise directly with the CVS representatives to discuss this further.

There was also discussion regarding the legacy of the troubles often resulting in ongoing mental health issues and high levels of suicide, this was not just a problem of victims of trauma but also with family members. Dr. Radcliff encouraged the Members to contact her directly to discuss this in more detail, especially in regard to particular issues in their local area. She advised that this was a complex area, referring to the 'It didn't end in 98' work and stressed that such intervention needed to be addressed sensitively.

The representatives thanked the Council for its continued support and specifically the Lord Mayor for the valuable work that she had undertaken.

The Deputy Chairperson of the Partnership thanked the representative for attending and expressed thanks to the CVS for their continued hard work, following which they left the meeting.

Noted.

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 Members were advised that project implementation was increasing across all themes, although mitigations and modifications were continuing to be progressed as per the Thematic Reports. She reported that all delivery partners had re-engaged with participant groups, however, it remained challenging in terms of sustaining participation. Issues regarding the achievement of CYP targets (4,612) had continually been highlighted since the start of the Covid pandemic.

She reported that the following two projects accounted for a high percentage of the CYP participant targets:

- CYP3 On the Right Track with 1,800 participants represents 40% of targets;
and
- CYP5 Local Area Networks with 900 participants accounts for 20%

The Partnership noted that, whilst delivery partners continued to make all reasonable efforts to mobilise, condense delivery and increase participation, it had become increasingly evident that the achievement of targets within these projects would be extremely challenging.

In reviewing and considering project progress, the PEACE IV Programme Board had suggested that a formal approach be made to the SEUPB seeking to reduce the CYP participant target by 10%, equating to 460 participants. The reduction would subsequently be applied to the two projects above with 260 participants reduction for CYP3, which would bring the project target to 1,540 and CYP5 would be reduced by 200 participants. These reductions would bring targets in line with the estimated recovery plan for the projects.

She therefore sought the Partnerships approval to formally make a business case to the SEUPB seeking a reduction of the CYP targets.

The Members were also asked to note the monitoring and evaluation of participation and that the impacts of PEACE IV activity were ongoing. The Members were advised that it was anticipated that a Sustainability Steering Group for PEACE IV projects would be established in January 2022. The findings would also be considered in developing the Peace Plus Local Action Plan, future GR Action Plans and community provision activities.

The officer advised that the Spanish Culture Café had been held virtually on Tuesday 19 October, it had been well attended with positive feedback received.

The Partnership was advised that the new Project Manager for the BPR theme had joined the PEACE IV Team on 26th October 2021. She added that the Project Development Officer (PDO) assigned to the CYP theme had resigned and was due to leave on 19th November 2021. The recruitment for the previous Project Development Officer was progressing and it was envisaged that both PDO posts would be recruited through the one recruitment exercise.

The Partnership was informed that, as previously reported, the total value of spend in the programme up to Period 27 (July 21) was £5,300,222.

The Partnership noted that delays with the verification of claims and the reimbursement of monies from the SEUPB was still an ongoing issue with a total of £636,432 currently outstanding. This had been raised with the SEUPB and was being closely monitored.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the report and the associated appendices and agree to make a business case to SEUPB for a formal reduction of CYP targets by 10% - 460 participants, which would reduce project targets for CYP3 by 260 and CYP5 by 200.

Children and Young People (CYP) 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 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.

3.0 Main report

Project Updates

3.1 CYP 1 – Tech Connects

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

Halloween camps with between 80 – 100 young people in attendance were completed week ending 29 October 2021. The Chair of Shared City Partnership attended the launch of the programme at Girdwood on 26 October 2021.

Members should note Programme Board approval of a project modification for continuation of additional VR sessions as to replace W5 visits due to the ongoing closure of W5.

Future planning for further activity will explore the provision of tech camps for Christmas 2021. The delivery agent is reviewing participants on the waiting list to determine the level of interest before progressing, as there was low uptake during Christmas 2020.

<i>6-11 Year Olds:</i>	<i>250 from a target of 399</i>	<i>149 Remaining</i>
<i>12-16 Year Olds:</i>	<i>116 from a target of 460</i>	<i>344 Remaining</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>366 Total Recruited to date</i>	<i>493 Total Remaining</i>

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

Sessions have commenced with a 2nd cohort of between 12- 20 young people attending weekly sessions at Girdwood.

The 1st cohort have yet to complete the full hours required, and the potential to mix groups and permit participants to attend additional sessions is being explored. This will enable participants to meet the required cross community contact time.

The delivery agent launched the project at Girdwood on 29 October 2021, via a press release and photo call attended by the Chair of Shared City Partnership.

Total *34 from a target of 160* *126 remaining*

3.2 CYP 2 - Playing our Part in the City

As members are aware from the presentation delivered by the ACN programme manager last month, the project is fully recruited for

At present all participants have achieved at least 60 -70 % of target hours. The remaining sports sessions took place during October at Todd's Leap. Morrow Communications captured group content and individual testimonials from participants. As previously reported the programme will be fully delivered by end of December 2021.

Total **42 from a target of 42** **0 remaining – due to finish Dec 21**

3.4 CYP 4 – Cooperation Ireland (Young Advocates)

Cooperation Ireland has recommenced the delivery of activity and to address dropout rates is over recruiting participants. A series of information sessions with interested groups took place in East, North & West Belfast and culminated in a combined team building event at Belfast Activity Centre on 19 October 2021.

Members should note that delivery of activity is via a condensed approach with residential taking place in October 2021. The residential included a dragon's den type event whereby the participants pitched their ideas on issues affecting young people, this will then enable the group to agree on the campaign the young people will progress as part of the project. This exercise will also determine the focus of the first OCN that the group will complete.

Monitoring and evaluation data including registrations forms for this final group is still to be submitted and is being followed up by the PEACE IV team.

Morrow Communications attended the residential to capture footage for the PEACE IV journey, as this programme is due to end in March / April 2022.

Total **48 from a target of 80** **32 remaining**

3.5 CYP 5 – NIHE Local Area Network Partner Delivery

NIHE have continually tried to re-engage previous participants on the programme, with no success. As such NIHE has confirmed the withdrawal of 188 young people from the attendance tracker, as they have not completed any hours, to ensure transparent recording of current participation levels.

Members are requested to note the addition of a new group, Corpus Christi, into the West Belfast 2 network which will aid the achievement of the cross community balance.

NIHE is currently exploring the potential of reinstating residential activity in January 2022, in order to explore ways to condense delivery and use an incentive for participants to take part. The SLA for participating groups is currently with SEUPB for review before the delivery agent issues any papers to groups for commitment to the programme.

NIHE is exploring mental health resources with Action Mental Health (AMH) for CYP5 participants as part of the Pre-Tenancy Training and Active Citizenship elements of the programme. This will be deemed as benefit in kind for participants as AMH is delivering the Peace IV-funded Our Generation programme. To avoid double counting of participants and funding NIHE will incur no costs to deliver this element.

Total **123 from a target of 900** **777 remaining**

3.6 Financial and Resource Implications

The financial position remains as previously reported with spend of the CYP theme (up to Period 27) totalling £1,401,234. Payment of claims for NIHE Period 26 (£9,224) and for both BCC and NIHE Period 27 (£104,374) remain outstanding.

3.7 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 Nov 2020.”

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

Shared Space 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 implementation of the Shared Space and Services theme was progressing and drew Members’ attention to a status update of the projects which had been attached as appendices.

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

Springfield Dam - As reported previously, discussion was underway in relation to the referred options for the naming process. Forth Meadow Community Greenway Project Board was to consider the preferred naming process, in line with Council Policy, at its meeting scheduled to be held on 17th November 2021.

PEACE IV Network Scheme – Capital Works – The Members were advised that work was progressing well on site. Section 1 was on course to complete in December 2021 / January 2022.

The Members were then asked to review and approve the design and layout of the draft panels in relation to the design and layout which had been attached as appendices to the report.

The officer advised that following a walk-through of Section 1 the preferred location and narrative content of the first 7 information panels had been recommended for the Members approval.

A Member referred to the recent disturbances at Lanark Way and asked that officer to convey to the contractor the need to ensure that the final panels erected were robust and safely secured.

Works had commenced at section 2 in October 2021 and had initially focused on the treatment of invasive species.

The Members were asked to note the change in commencement of works at Section 3. Due to the weather conditions at this time of the year, and the risk of laying asphalt in cold weather, works at Section 3 had been postponed to January 2022.

The officer advised that the management and maintenance group continued to work through operational matters. Key updates / actions from the meeting on 14th October included the naming of the bridge in Springfield Dam Park, postponing works in Falls Park (Section 3), addressing invasive species in Section 2, the locations of the interpretative panels in Section 1 and the procurement process around identifying artist/s for the public art pieces.

She advised that the Public Art Steering Group/Panel continued to meet and had agreed that the proposed artworks should focus on the theme “Down to Earth”. This was based on alignment with the brand identity of Forth Meadow Community Greenway “On Common Ground” and that the people of Belfast were often described as being “down to earth”. Procurement of an artist would commence in November 2021, subject to approval by the SEUPB. In addition, the Members were asked to note the PQQ documentation for the Artworks (Appendix VII) which would also be submitted to the SEUPB review and approval.

Social Value Clause – The contractor had advised the Council of the employment of one work placement student and one apprentice in line with the social clause requirements. The Members were asked to note that further work was required in relation to long term unemployed and advice had been sought from the Council’s Economic Development Department in relation to the appointments.

In addition, the contractor would be attending an Information Roadshow at St Georges Market on Friday, 8th November 2021 to promote employment, student placement and apprenticeship opportunities and also that further roadshows would take place throughout 2022. The officer reported that construction academies work to fulfill trainee requirements was also underway with the Council’s Economic Development Department and Workforce Training and that discussion was also ongoing with the contractor in relation to the preparation of a community engagement plan.

The officer referred to a clause in the Social Clauses Template which related to the engagement with at least one local charity to organise a fundraising event in association with the project and she advised that the contractor had asked the Shared City Partnership to provide some guidance around potential charities and the type of fundraising event.

The Members considered this and suggested that the contractor engage with the organisers of established local food banks. The Members also welcomed the progress made to date in progressing the jobs and skills element of the Social Clauses and stated that they would be keen to see this work further developed.

In regard to the other Programmes:

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

The Project Lead continued to engage with discussion groups along the Greenway, with input from organisations including Shankill Women’s Group; Paisley Park

Trustees; Whiterock Orange Hall and Ballygomartin Presbyterian Church; Ballygomartin Orange Hall; Springfield Primary School; Corpus Christ Youth Centre; Springmartin Women's Group and St John's Parish Church.

She advised that a similar approach to agreeing narratives and panel locations would be adopted for the remaining sections of the Greenway.

- **Shared Space Volunteer Training**

The Sustrans' Volunteer Cycle and Walk Lead projects were progressing well with the first group of 10 participants coming to the end of their training and expected to complete in November 2021.

The Walk Lead Volunteers had organised and managed a walk with a seniors' group, in collaboration with Council's Belfast Health and Development Unit, on 26th October in Bog Meadows.

The Members were asked to note that the SEUPB had approved the reallocation of the History Volunteers budget to support a 10% contract uplift to enable the existing volunteer training projects to recruit and train an additional 3 volunteers. Sustrans, Volunteer Now and The Conservation Volunteers had been approached to agree the increase in targets.

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

The officer advised that a summary of the findings from the recent residents' survey had highlighted support for the Greenway. Almost all the respondents had rated feeling safety, accessibility, and public amenities as very important to the use of the of the Greenway. Fifty-six percent of respondents stated that they were likely to use several parts of the Greenway, however, some people stated that they were still likely to only use parts near their own community, indicating that engagement work remained necessary to try and address this.

The officer advised that the full findings of the survey would be reported to the Members at a future meeting.

A second site visit by MDL to Belfast had taken place on 18th-22nd October 2021. It had involved meetings with Greater Village Regeneration Trust, Artsekta, Friendship Club, TACIT and North Belfast Youth Group, linking in representatives of residents, BME groups and young people. Further visits and discussions had been scheduled for November.

- **Governance / Management Model**

Viatic had also been involved in the second site-visit referred above and met with representatives from the Community Partnerships / Umbrella Groups, such as the West Belfast Partnership Board, the Greater Village Regeneration Trust and TACIT to gauge interest, levels of expertise and involvement in the governance model. The contractor would combine the visit with MDL in November with further discussions with other partnerships / forums, including the Greater Shankill Partnership, Blackmountain Shared Space and Paisley Park Trustees.

- **Youth Engagement and Civic Education**

The tender call had closed on 15th October 2021, three applications had been received, with the moderation meeting having been facilitated on 28th October 2021 and it was anticipated that the contract award would be made late November 2021.

- **Springfield Dam Activities**

Discussions involving City and Neighbourhood Services officers from Outdoor Space and Active Living, Parks Outreach, Community Services and PEACE IV, were being scheduled to agree a programme of activities.

- **Modular Building**

The modular building continued to be opened through an agreed internal process to facilitate the Sustrans' Volunteer training project.

- **SSS Activities Co-ordinator**

A tender call for the provision of animation activities and showcase events along the Greenway had opened on 22nd October 2021 and would close on 12th November 2021.

The Partnership was advised that claims up to and including Period 25 totalling £1,589,170 had now been fully reimbursed by the SEUPB. The Period 26 claim valued at £50,171 and Period 27 claim totalling £85,411 remained outstanding.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and associated appendices and that it:

- agree the narratives and locations of the 7 panels for Section 1;
- agree the design and layout of information panels;
- agree that the panels and narratives would be subject to equality screening;
- agree to delegate authority to the Capital Project Board at its meeting on 17th November, to agree on the design of the panels around the Parks, with a report to be submitted to the December meeting of the Partnership; and
- the contractor be advised to engage with the organisers of established local food banks in terms of organising a potential fundraising event in association with the project.

Building Positive Relations (BPR) 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 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 agree the following proposals and note the contents of the report and related appendices:

- BPR5 LINCS - to extend the delivery timeframe to 30 September 2022, to increase the capacity building and further develop the Inclusion Forum.
- BPR5/Traveller - to delegate authority to the PEACE IV Programme Board to agree the rescope of the Traveller Support Hub to a Capacity Building programme, subject to SEUPB approval.
- BPR5/Roma - to extend the participant group for the Advocacy and Advice Skills training to the wider community.
- BPR6/St Comgall's - to amend the format of six hard copy interpretative panels to replace with an online digital resource to enable the content to be more accessible.
- Cinematography - to include BPR6 in the project and to extend the delivery timeframe to October 2022 and to increase the contract award by £5,750, subject to agreement by SEUPB.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

Delivery of project activity is increasing as the easing of government restrictions has enabled all delivery partners to re-establish activity on a face to face basis.

Members should note the new Thematic Project Manager, Julie Larmour Knight, commenced work on 26 October 2021. Julie is currently establishing contact with relevant delivery partners.

3.1 BPR1 – Cross Community Area Networks (CCAN)

Implementation of the project is increasing with most networks now having completed good relations activity delivered by Verbal Arts Centre. Condensed delivery of other activity via residential continues to be explored.

Members are requested to note a modification to permit the use of an SLA was approved by the Programme Board. The SLA will help manage community groups expectations regarding contact hours, facilitators costs and monitoring & evaluation information required and also encourage participation and commitment to the programme. This approach will bring the BPR1 project in line with the SLA approach used within the CYP programme.

The Place shaping contract has now been formally awarded and implementation of this element is progressing. NIHE are also due to extend contracts with their delivery agents.

3.2 BPR2 – Creative Communities Project

To date 59 participants across three clusters remain engaged in activity.

The Clonard/Mid-Shankill cluster is nearing completion. A showcase event involving the unveiling of the artworks to coincide with infant loss week took place at City Hall on 15 October 2021. Significant publicity of the event highlighted the sensitive issue the cluster worked on and promoted the cross-community work of participants and PEACE IV.

Face-to-face activity by the artist in residence is continuing with Woodvale/Ardoyne and Divis/Lower Shankill cluster.

Re-engagement with St Malachy's and Albert Foundry FC participants in the Football Thematic cluster has been challenging. A study visit to the National Stadium is being planned to gain momentum.

Procurement for the appointment of Artist in Residence for the Carlisle Cluster and Ardoyne Cluster is progressing.

Discussions with client groups involved in the LGBTQ+ cluster are currently paused due to the current Outburst Arts Festival and pressures for groups to respond to core funding calls. Discussions to date have highlighted the need for the artist in residence to be from LGBTQ+ community to understand the issues face by the community and to encourage participation. Discussions with the groups will recommence mid-November.

3.3 BPR3 – Transform for Change Project

Transformative Leadership Programme:

Delivery of the Leadership Training is ongoing with five clusters across the City. The trial of an evening course in North Belfast has been well received with 16 participants actively involved in the programme. A further North Belfast cluster is due to commence on 9 November 21.

Members should note that following the delivery of one well-being session as part of the Resource Allocation project with South Belfast cluster project, the project lead has withdrawn from the programme due to procurement challenges, and as such, the two remaining well-being sessions will not be delivered.

Other Resource Allocation cluster projects are at various stages of progression and include mental health training, youth training and community days.

NICVA and delivery partners have commenced delivery of further Resource Allocation project development and have raised concerns regarding the Resource Allocation Agreement. Discussions on the approach are being progressed with Legal.

The new TPM will progress the community engagement events and local study visits as a key priority.

3.4 BPR4 – Belfast and the World (BATW)

Delivery of activity via a condensed programme of 5-6 weeks for the final year cohort is progressing via blended learning online/ residential/ face to face sessions.

Planning for delivery of the Civic Led play focusing on Partition and the learning resource pack focusing on ‘How do we do commemoration better’ are underway.

The delivery agent is exploring the potential to extend delivery into 2022, subject to contracted budget availability. A formal modification will be progressed, as required, in the near future.

The new Thematic Project Manager will be reviewing potential options for the delivery of targets associated with the EU Study trips and alternative trips across NI and ROI.

3.5 BPR5 – Supporting Connected Communities - LINCS Projects

All four Neighbourhood Participatory Forums (NPF’s) have reviewed and updated their Action Plans which will determine the future activity / sessions to be progressed. Members should note that whilst the project is close to achieving agreed targets and outcomes, (96 participants completing 68 hours in line with the agreed rescoped activity), flexibility to ensure achievement of outcomes is required. BAME participants remain anxious about engaging outside of their own social bubbles and the delivery partner is making every effort to meet target hours and outcomes.

Given the above, the delivery partner, NI Alternatives has submitted a modification request to extend the delivery timeframe of the project from February 22 to September 22. During this period further capacity building for key participants from the four NPF’s and Inclusion Forum will be delivered including:

1. Development and embedding of the Inclusion Forum – the extension will enable 10 additional strategic meetings, with 20 participants at each meeting, at least 4 of whom would be current participants / NPF members.
2. Leadership Development - key individuals from the four NPF’s (8-10 current members) have been identified as having potential to develop as community leaders / champions on building relationships between / within their community with focused training and development. It is

proposed that further development of active citizenship with a focused leadership programme will build on learning to date and deepen existing skills, capacity and confidence. The programme will bring these participants together on a monthly basis for a 4-hour training / engagement programme.

The modification will enhance the active citizenship element and leave a deeper legacy impact of the project.

Members are requested to consider and agree the PEACE IV Programme Board recommendation of approving the modification subject to:

- (i) The Inclusion Forum to link in with the Good Relations Unit and co-ordinate with the Migrant Forum.
- (ii) Participation in the Leadership Development programme must be 50% BAME and 50% host communities.

3.6 BPR5 – Traveller Project - Supporting Connected Communities

Engagement with the Traveller Community is ongoing and members should note that whilst progress has been gradual the agreement of the Traveller community to participate in the project represents a major step forward.

The first programme of workshops and exhibition commenced delivery of Genealogy sessions on 9th October 2021. The sessions will explore culture, history and heritage of the Traveller and settled communities and will culminate in the delivery of a related exhibition.

Discussions to identify other engagement opportunities through existing support agencies such as Extern, Barnardos and NIHE is ongoing. The scoping of a programme aimed at young mothers focusing on Health and Wellbeing is being progressed. Discussions with a local Housing Fold to work with local Traveller Men to develop a community garden within the Fold grounds are also underway.

It has been identified that a rescope of the Traveller Support Hub into a capacity building programme is necessary. The content of the capacity building programme is being developed in conjunction with existing support agencies, and the sector, and will comprise of activities to engage the Traveller and settled communities, and provide opportunities for access to services to be promoted via a drop in approach. To accelerate approvals for this rescope, Members are requested to delegate authority to the PEACE IV Programme Board to agree the Capacity Building programme, subject to SEUPB approval.

3.7 BPR5 – Roma Project - Supporting Connected Communities

The Roma Support Hub is active, and monitoring of calls is progressing. The number of calls and advice sessions is increasing weekly, mainly dealing with welfare issues associated with living conditions, education and health. The revised Schedule of Processing to enable the processing of data through a subcontract with Advice NI has been issued and agreed.

Delivery of the Building Positive Relations programme has commenced with 18/20 core participants. It is anticipated that these participants will then progress to partaking in ESOL English language lessons, as previously approved by the Programme Board and noted to the Partnership.

Challenges associated with the capacity of current Roma participants to progress to the Advocacy and Advice Training has been highlighted due to their newcomer status and language barriers. Members are requested to note that the PEACE IV Programme Board and SEUPB agreed a modification to broaden the recruitment for these elements to both the Roma community (including the core participants) and the wider community.

3.8 BPR6 – St. Comgalls

Workshop activity for both participant groups is progressing and planning is also underway for the networking event and seminar to take place by December 2021.

Members should note that the St. Comgalls capital build is now scheduled for completion January 2022 which will enable SEUPB's condition of delivery of project activity within the building to be met.

The delivery partner has been re- engaging with groups involved in the Oral History Steering Group. The research element which contributes to the exhibition and educational resources is also to be developed over the coming weeks.

Members are requested to consider and approve a modification request to change the format of six hard copy interpretative panels to online digital resource to enable the exhibition materials and resource to be accessible and reach a broader audience.

On considering the modification, the Programme Board noted the modification will futureproof and extend the resources and will not change the impact of the project or require any changes to budget. Members also note that ongoing costs associated with maintenance of online resources beyond the lifetime of the PEACE IV will be met by Falls Community Council.

3.9 Cinematography Project

Morrow Communications is continuing to capture project activity and content for the Belfast Peace Journey project and thematic films as well as for social media clips. The current priority for filming is capturing the activity of projects due to complete in December 21, including CYP2 and CYP3 Personal Change element.

Approval of extension requests for several PEACE IV projects has resulted in a requirement to extend the contract with Morrow Communications to October 2022 to enable all filming, editing and production of the films to be completed.

The BPR6 St. Comgalls project was not approved by SEUPB at the time of the contract award to Morrow, therefore to ensure equal treatment of all projects, and to fully capture all activity delivered through the Belfast PEACE IV LAP there is a need to include the filming of this activity in the Morrow contract. As such Members are also requested to agree the above proposal and associated uplift of the contract value by approx. £5,750 to cover associated costs of including BPR6 and the extended delivery timeframe. This uplift in the contract is within the 10% threshold for increases in contract value and will be met by cost savings within the BPR3 TFC project.

3.10 Financial & Resource Implication

The financial position for the BPR theme remains as previously reported with £1,792,882 reimbursed by SEUPB for some claims up to Period 26. Reimbursement of Period 26 for NIHE and St. Comgalls (£54,641) and for Period 27 (£326,709) remains outstanding.

3.11 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 to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it adopt the recommendations as detailed at 2.0 of the report.

Update on DCGRP Action Plan

The Partnership considered the following 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 following updates from the ongoing delivery of the Good Relations Action Plan and agree;

- funding support of £2,500 for Black Mountain Shared Spaces to deliver a cross community Christmas fair at the Springmartin Interface.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Delivery of the DCGRP Action Plan 21/22 is continuing.

The new temporary Good Relations Officer, Danny Sweeney is now in post and has been engaging with community groups and establishing relationships.

Groups have reported that due to COVID restrictions there have not been opportunities to organise large scale cross community events in the area. Liaison is ongoing between the groups and with a relaxation of restrictions on public gatherings, it is anticipated that larger scale cross community events will resume in the near future.

As members are aware, the DCGRP Action Plan 21/22 includes the BCC10 Strategic Intervention Programme which provides £15K of funds to be distributed on an area basis. This is to ensure a targeted, strategic and proactive approach and interventions requiring support must address good relations issues and one of the T:BUC priorities.

3.2 North Belfast

Members are asked to agree to provide £2,500 funding support, under the theme of the DCGRP BCC 10 Strategic Intervention Programme, for Black Mountain Shared Spaces to deliver a cross community Christmas event at the interface at Springmartin. The proposed event has been identified through relevant local groups that focus on vulnerable/interface communities and meets the good relations outcomes and T:BUC priorities. The event will involve a Santa's grotto, music, food stands and stalls run by local community groups, selling sundry items to raise funds on a not for profit basis.

3.3 Members should also note that, under the BCC10 theme, Letters of Offer have been issued to groups for projects, as follows:

- Belfast Interface Project - £10,000
- Black Mountain Shared Space, Critical Engagement Programme - £8,000
- TASCIT - £14,390
- Greater Shankill Partnership - £5,000

- New Lodge Arts - £2,500
- Dean Clarke Foundation - £1,940

The award of £1,500 to Holy Family and Mountcollyer Youth Clubs for a joint Christmas Fair is being progressed and is subject to approval at full Council on 1 November 2021.

The above funding allocations have been previously considered by the Shared City Partnership and approved by Council.

3.4 Further key highlights on delivery of the DCGRP Action Plan for members to note are:

The Schools Project delivered under BCC9 will be recommencing pupil to pupil contact from November, in line with current COVID restrictions.

The Council will be represented at the Peace Barriers Conference taking place on Wednesday 3rd November, and a report on the Conference will be brought to the December meeting of the Partnership.

Dr Lucy Michael has been awarded the contract to carry out the research, commissioned by the Council, PHA and BHSCT, looking at the lived-in experiences of people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities in Belfast.

Red Cross have also been awarded the contract to deliver orientation to new communities and information to host communities.

3.5 Financial & Resource Implications

All costs are covered through the District Council Good Relations Action Plan budget 21/22 as agreed by Members in March 2021.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

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

The Partnership was advised of an additional request that had been received from the NI Community of Refugees and Asylum Seekers (NICRAS) seeking funding support of £1,000 to provide translation assistance to those people claiming the High Street Voucher. She advised that it was the NICAS intention to write to people in their own language to provide details of how to activate and spend the voucher.

The Partnership noted the update and agreed funding support of £2,500 be awarded for Black Mountain Shared Spaces to deliver a cross community Christmas Fair at the Springmartin Interface and £1,000 to NICRAS to deliver translation support in relation to the High Street Voucher Scheme.

Report from Workshop held on 6th October to consider gaps outlined by the Education Authority

The Programme Manager referred to the recent work that had been undertaken to explore options to target support for good relations work in the City, with particular reference having been given to during times of civil unrest in the City, such as those that had occurred during April 2021.

She advised that during the initial facilitated discussion, Youth Provision had been highlighted as a key priority and subsequently the Education Authority, as a leading provider of youth services, had presented to the Partnership at its August meeting where it had considered the background of the events, the youth work response to the incidents. She advised that the following gaps in provision had been identified:

1. Safe outdoor spaces for young people;
2. Capacity to open youth centres in areas of tension should be reviewed;
3. Structured 'aftermath planning' to support and manage the consequences of the events;
4. Communications should focus on strength-based or asset-based messaging;
5. Participation and active voice of young people in debates around youth and community issues.

Subsequently, on 6th October, Dr Duncan Morrow had facilitated a further workshop, which had specifically concentrated on identifying future priorities for the Partnership and funding organisations and the following next steps had been identified:

- to convey the workshop analysis and priorities to both the Council and the Partnership;
- to engage with the Youth Service seeking a presentation on best practice;
- to consider a potential project on developing the understanding of politics for young people; and
- to report the findings to the Living Here Board;

The Members recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that:

- a further update report be issued to the Living Here Board;
- a representative from the Youth Council be invited to join the Shared City Partnership on an advisory capacity. As per the terms of reference, the representative would have the right to participate fully in the discussions of the SCP and to offer advice but would not have any voting rights; and
- it agree that the development of a project for young people on the understanding of politics is progressed.

Upcoming Events

The PEACE IV Programme Manager advised the Members of the following event 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.

- 'War, Treaty, the Belfast Troubles and the Craig-Collins Pacts, 1921-22'
- 24th November, 2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.
- Webinar talk and question and answer with Dr. Éamon Phoenix, via Zoom

Registration available [here](#)

She also reminded the Members of an event focusing on Shared Space that was taking place on Thursday, 11th November 2021 at 9.30 a.m. in Crumlin Road Gaol and she encouraged any Member who wished to attend to register as soon as possible as there had been significant interest in the event.

Noted.

Chairperson