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**Belfast
City Council**

MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
- REPORTS TO FOLLOW & ADDITIONAL ITEM (1)

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet both online and in-person, in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Friday, 24th April, 2026 at 9.30 am, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

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Subject:	Sustain Exchange Climate Leadership Event - Funding Agreement
Date:	24 April 2026
Reporting Officer:	John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy
Contact Officer:	Debbie Caldwell, Climate Commissioner

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Call-in	
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform Committee of a proposal by the non-profit Management and Leadership Network (MLN) to host a prominent climate leadership event ‘Sustain Exchange’ with up to 300 decision-makers attending. • Request approval for a funding agreement to be put in place between Belfast City Council and the event organiser to the value of £10,140. The event will put the challenges, opportunities and absolute need for positive action associated with climate change on the agenda for local organisations and leaders.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider support for this climate leadership conference by approving a funding agreement to the value of £10,140 be entered into with the event organiser.
3.0	Main Report
	Background
3.1	It is now beyond doubt that organisations of all shapes, sizes and sectors need to radically reduce their environmental impact both directly and indirectly through their supply chains. The extreme weather experienced across the globe over the past twelve months has further evidenced the reality that the effects of climate change are being felt and the need for decisive action from organisations, championed by their leaders, is now. We are fast approaching the point of no return.
3.2	It is a truly transformative time for organisations as they address climate risks and identify new opportunities in the green economy. The transition is not straightforward. Organisations need help in developing planet positive practices, securing cleaner power, heat and transport solutions. They need help in navigating new markets to find more environmentally sustainable solutions in their supply chain, and they need to do it fast. There has never been a more important time to find specialist help to navigate the transition, and to educate, inform and engage by sharing the existing knowledge and exemplar experience of those at the forefront of the transition.
	Purpose and format of event
3.3	The Sustain Exchange Summit will deliver on the objectives above and will connect local decision-makers with international thought leaders as well as those at the forefront of the transition locally.

3.4	<p>The event is expected to attract some 300 local leaders (primarily business leaders but also those from the public, NDPB and third sectors) to a Belfast city centre venue with strong public transport links to ensure the carbon footprint of the event is kept to a minimum. The Sustain Exchange Summit will ensure the messages around the need and importance of positive climate action are heard and that the Council’s proactivity in this area will be strongly profiled before and during the event.</p>
3.5	<p>Content</p> <p>Previous speakers at this event have included the eminent writer, broadcaster and commentator Sir Jonathan Porritt CBE, Norman Crowley (global entrepreneur and founder of CoolPlanet), Sir Tim Smit KBE (Founder of The Eden Project and world-renowned thought leader in sustainability) and John Elkington (the global godfather of sustainability and creator of the triple bottom line concept). The 2026 Sustain Exchange Summit will again be delivered to a world-class standard and will feature globally-renowned speakers (Mary Robinson is the first in-person speaker to be confirmed). The speakers will encourage and empower attending organisations to consider their own climate impact and take the first (or next) steps in their quest to become ‘planet positive’. Previous local speakers at this event have demonstrated how leaders from humble beginnings in Belfast have become game-changers in their respective fields. These include the likes of Dr Andrew Woods from Catagen (Sustain Exchange 2022), Eddie McGoldrick from The Electric Storage Company (Sustain Exchange 2021), Philip Rainey from Weev (Sustain Exchange 2023), Dr Katrina Thompson from Artemis Technologies (Sustain Exchange 2024) and Stephen Dunn from CarbonFit (Sustain Exchange 2025). The 2026 event will once again showcase how leaders from Belfast are leading the charge when it comes to the quest to avoid what is now a ‘code red for humanity’. In doing this, MLN plans to galvanise existing businesses to act and to inspire the next cohort of planet positive pioneers to emerge from our city.</p> <p>The event will also provide the opportunity to make the broader leadership community in NI aware of the proactive work of Belfast City Council when it comes to the climate emergency.</p>
3.6	<p>Management and Leadership Network Experience</p> <p>The Management and Leadership Network (MLN) is a non-profit which exists to connect decision-makers in NI with the insights of thought-leaders and world-class performers. The rationale is that by enhancing our leadership competence, we will empower local organisations, strengthen our economy, enrich our society and ultimately improve lives.</p>
3.7	<p>MLN has worked with some of the most respected leaders on the planet and is vastly experienced in creating and delivering truly world-class events that engage, enrich and</p>

	<p>elevate attendees. As host, MLN will facilitate the event and invite all speakers to provide their slides in advance so that the idea-sharing session is delivered in a concise, visually impactful and professional manner. Belfast City Council would once again be invited to participate and profile its extensive climate work i.e. the Net Zero Carbon Roadmap for Belfast, Belfast Resilience Strategy, Belfast Climate Commission, One Million Trees Programme etc.</p>
3.8	<p>The Sustain Exchange Summit will take place on 23rd October 2026. The total cost of the project will be in excess of £75k. Belfast City Council has been a key partner in the Sustain Exchange Summit since its inception in 2021 and its support has been crucial in the growth of the initiative and its impact. In order to reduce the financial cost to Belfast City Council and increase collaboration, MLN will seek financial support from additional sources to include the private sector. MLN will give previous sponsors the opportunity to remain as partners. These have included Belfast-based organisations such as Danske Bank, AAB, CarbonFit, International Synergies (circular economy specialists), Belfast Harbour and Mills Selig Solicitors. As well as demonstrating real collaboration, these partnerships have allowed MLN to reduce Belfast City Council’s financial contribution from £10,000+vat in 2021 to £10,140 in 2026.</p>
	<p>Partner Contribution & Profile Benefits</p>
3.9	<p>Should Belfast City Council choose to support the Summit, it would be profiled as an ‘Event Partner’ alongside several other lead event partners (examples given in 3.5). The Council brand would be prominent on all event marketing collateral as well as ‘at-event’. A Council representative would be invited to participate in the event press launch and MLN would be delighted for the Lord Mayor of Belfast to speak at the event. Council would also promote the conference through its social media and other relevant communication channels.</p>
	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.10	<p>Should Members approve sponsorship of the Sustain Exchange Climate Leadership event, £10,140 will be allocated from within the existing Climate Programme budget.</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.11	<p>There are no direct equality or good relations/rural needs implications.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None



Subject:	City Innovation programme update
Date:	24 th April 2026
Reporting Officer:	Sharon McNicholl, Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Corporate Services
Contact Officer:	Stephen Leonard, Director of Resources, Fleet, Transport & Open Spaces and Street Scene Mark McCann, City Innovation Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on a number of City Innovation programme initiatives including Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors' Challenge competition.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the outline workplan for the Belfast City Council Alleyways programme (developed in accordance with the Bloomberg's processes) and the intention to engage with Mid-Falls Alleyways Regeneration group. 2. To approve a budget contribution for a Connected Places Catapult twelve-month embedded role within the Council who will support work on SME scaling and commercialisation associated with City Deal and similar innovation investments.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors' Challenge update Following Belfast City Council acceptance of a letter of offer (for approx. £750,000) from Bloomberg Philanthropies, work is now underway to design, in collaboration with Bloomberg's facilitators, a two-year programme that will put in place a new sustainable, Belfast City Council 'Alleyway Service Commitment' that's responsive and supportive of the individual needs and ambitions of neighbourhoods across the city.
3.2	As part of the letter of offer Belfast City Council is committed to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By June 2026 – recruit a programme manager who will lead on the development of this new integrated Council approach and report to a new programme board with direct accountability to the chief executive. - By July 2026 – Completion of a Bloomberg-approved implementation plan and budget with work-packages that will support the council and its partners to work towards this ambition. This is likely to include activities such as service modelling, baselining costs and savings, testing data gathering and engagement approaches, piloting approaches such as provision of training, materials and possibly microgrants; and working towards a final long-term service proposal for Council to consider by Spring 2028. - By January 1, 2028 completion and approval of the long-term sustainability plan. - By Spring 2028 – transforming up to 20 miles of alleyways with interventions that will range for the modest to the transformational.
3.3	At March Committee Members requested that officers consider how the Bloomberg programme might support an application for £70,000 from Mid-Falls Alleyway Regeneration. As this new Council programme is developed it will be important for officers to work closely with those residents and neighbourhoods that have the capability and interest in alleyway transformation. As such officers will be seeking to engage with Mid-Falls Alleyway Regeneration to help inform

	the new programmes and the range of tools and interventions that reflects the project's long term sustainability ambitions.
3.4	<p>Connected Places Catapult Embedded role</p> <p>The City Innovation Office and City Deal Programme Office have been approached by the Connected Places Catapult with the offer of providing a twelve-month Catapult officer to be embedded with Belfast City Council. The Catapult is establishing similar posts in city regions across the UK, including Scotland and Wales, with the aim of helping regions to best maximise the impact of innovation-style investments such as City Deal.</p>
3.5	The person would be a Connected Places Catapult member of staff but would be based in Belfast City Council and work with a group of local stakeholders to manage a workplan based on local needs. This would include supporting pathways to scaling, commercialisation and investment by local SMEs engaged in City Deal initiatives. And working with public procurement teams from councils to enhance our role as first customers for innovation.
3.6	Connected Places Catapult are proposing to contribute £45,000 for the post; with an additional contribution of £20,000 being offered by Belfast Region City Deal partners. Members are asked to approve a £25,000 contribution from Belfast City Council to ensure that there is the requisite match funding.
	Financial & Resource Implications
3.7	<p>Bloomberg Philanthropies will provide funding of \$1.2 million for a two-year programme which includes funding for a Project Manager.</p> <p>Other expenditure has been identified within existing departmental budgets.</p>
	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
3.8	Equality and Rural screenings will be completed as part of the Bloomberg programme design process.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Potential Additional Funding from Special EU Programmes Body – Local PEACEPLUS Action Plans
Date:	24 th April 2026
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Godfrey McCartney, Good Relations Manager Debbie McKinney, Programme Manager

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Call-in

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To report to committee on the availability of additional in Year Funding from the Special European Union Programme Body (SEUPB) for 2026.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	That the Committee agrees to the approach detailed in the body of the report.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	Following a meeting with SEUPB on 2 nd April 2026 Councils were informed that there was a significant underspend within SEUPB, which potentially could be decommitted by EU. SEUPB are seeking proposals from Councils for activity that could be spent by September 2026 and claimed within the 3 rd quarter of the financial year. Projects should be linked to existing Local PEACEPLUS Action Plan, as any additional agreed proposal will require a modification to the current Local Action Plan Letter of Offer
	<u>Approach</u>
3.2	Officers have discussed this and considering the truncated timeline there are a number of project/programmes that have the potential to complete and spend within this small window of time: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleadh Cheoil 2026 Programme • Forth Meadow Greenway Signage • Positive Cultural Expression (Beacons)
3.3	All the above can be aligned with the current PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, and Council has the opportunity to bid for funds in the region of €2 - 3 million.
3.4	To progress this opportunity further it is proposed that Officers engage directly with SEUPB to formally submit a proposal for additional funding for this year and to explore potential options for 2027.
3.5	Members should note that SEUPB indicated that the level of participation will be proportion / reasonable, and that compliance with programme requirements is required, although in some instances, it may be lighter touch.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.6	All financial implications are covered as the additional funding will be provided at 100%. The main resource pressure for Council will be Officer time, to ensure a successful proposal and compliance.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.7	The current Local PEACEPLUS Action Plan has been equality screened and will promote good relations and will enhance equality peace, reconciliation and good relations impacts for the City of Belfast.

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Update on Social Supermarket Fund 26/28
Date:	24 th April 2026
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Nicola Lane, Neighbourhood Services Manager Margaret Higgins, Lead Officer Community Provision

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To provide an update for members in relation to the Social Supermarket Fund 26/28 and seek members agreement in relation to the allocation of financial resources.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and agree the allocation of funding to Social Supermarket Fund 26/28 applicants.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>At February committee officers provided an update on the assessment of applications to the Social Supermarket Fund 26/28. Members agreed the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the allocation of 25 per-cent bridging funding for those groups which scored 50% and above, in advance of receiving the DfC LoO so that activity could begin from 1st April, 2026. • that a report be submitted to the Committee within the next three months to confirm the Department for Communities budget, outline how the remaining 75 per cent of funding could be allocated, together with options on how the three groups which had eligible funding but scored below 50% could be assisted <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>3.2 On 10th April 2026, Council received the Community Support Programme Letter of Offer from the Department of Communities. This included £777,811 for the Social Supermarket Fund. At its February meeting committee agreed an allocation of 25% for all applications scoring 50% and above which was £207,562. If this 25% award was increased to 100% a budget of £830,249 would be required. The Letter of Offer does not provide sufficient funding to make awards at 100% to all projects scoring 50 and above, there is a shortfall of £52,437.</p> <p>3.3 The Letter of Offer provides sufficient funding to award 94% of eligible costs to all projects scoring 50. This level of award requires £780,434 and does not require any additional allocation from council budgets.</p> <p>3.4 Officers have been in contact with the three organisations that scored below 50% to explore what support can be given and signpost to other funders and relevant support services who can provide support to existing users.</p>
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.5	The Letter of Offer from DFC provides £777,811. Social Supermarkets are primarily funded through the CSP Letter of Offer, although council has made additional contributions in recent years to provide additional levels of financial support.
3.6	Members agreed last September that although funding is primarily from DfC the Social Supermarket Fund should be advertised on a two year basis rather than one. Applications to the fund were for activity from 01 April 2026 until 31 March 2028. Organisations will only receive a Letter of Offer for 26/27 initially. A paper will be brought to committee in January 27 to advise of the financial position in terms of available funding for 27/28.

	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.7	The 26/28 Social Supermarket Fund open call is being screened for Equality, Good Relations and Rural Needs Implications
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached or None
	Appendix I – Level of Award for Applicants

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Appendix 1 – Social Supermarket Fund (Level of Award)

Name	Value Sought	Eligible funding	Total Funding Award (94%)	Funding Awarded by committee 200226 (25%)
Footprints Women's Centre	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£47,000.00	£12,500.00
Storehouse NI	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£47,000.00	£12,500.00
Donegall Pass Community Forum	£50,000.00	£42,000.00	£39,480.00	£10,500.00
Upper Springfield Development Trust	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£47,000.00	£12,500.00
Ligoniel Improvement Association	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£47,000.00	£12,500.00
The Parent Rooms	£49,750.00	£11,748.00	£11,043.12	£2,937.00
Disability Action	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£47,000.00	£12,500.00
Ashton Community Trust	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£47,000.00	£12,500.00
Phoenix Education Centre	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£47,000.00	£12,500.00
Southcity Resource and Development Centre	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£47,000.00	£12,500.00
Loughview Community Action Partnership	£49,936.00	£49,936.00	£46,939.84	£12,484.00
Forward South Partnership	£48,261.95	£48,261.95	£45,366.23	£12,065.49
The Vine Centre	£49,855.00	£49,855.00	£46,863.70	£12,463.75
Falls Women's Centre	£24,900.00	£8,300.00	£7,802.00	£2,075.00
West Belfast Partnership Board (WBPB)	£49,808.96	£49,808.96	£46,820.42	£12,452.24
Castle Community Trust	£50,000.00	£38,890.00	£36,556.60	£9,722.50
In this together	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£47,000.00	£12,500.00
Glencolin Residents Association	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	£14,100.00	£3,750.00
BLACKIE RIVER COMMUNITY GROUPS	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£47,000.00	£12,500.00
HERe NI	£16,449.17	£16,449.17	£15,462.22	£4,112.29
Total			£780,434.14	£207,562.27

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Subject:	Planning Information
Date:	25 April 2026
Reporting Officer(s):	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control
Contact Officer(s):	Ed Baker, Planning Manager (Development Management)

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Call-in	
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To provide an update on Major planning applications and applications that have been determined by the Planning Committee.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The report is for notation.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	The Committee received an update on Planning Performance at its meeting on the 27 th August 2024. At that meeting and previously, the Committee sought a regular update on Major applications and applications that have been determined by the Planning Committee, especially those where a Decision Notice has yet to be issued.
3.2	All Major applications must be determined by the Planning Committee. The Key Performance Indicator (given in weeks) is calculated from when an application is considered to be valid to when the Decision Notice (“Green Form”) is issued. This means that any delays either pre- or post- committee will impact on the KPI. The target for determining a Major application is 30 weeks.
	<u>Major applications</u>
3.3	Appendix 1 sets out the Major applications that are currently with the Council to determine. Details are given on the location, proposal, the validation date and target date for determination (using the 30 week target set out in the Key Performance Indicator) as well as a status update.
	<u>Applications determined by Committee</u>
3.4	Appendix 2 sets out the applications that have been determined by Committee since February 2022 which are yet to issue. For completeness information is also given on those applications determined by Committee which have had their Decision Notice issued. Details are given on the time taken (in weeks) to bring the applications before Committee and where decisions are yet to be issued, information is given relating to the main reason for the delay.
3.5	Following further discussion at the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in May 2025, this table has now been amended to include a new non statutory target date and to give more detailed reasons for any delays in determination.
	<u>Conclusion</u>
3.6	This report will be brought to each Planning Committee and to each Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for information on an ongoing basis.
	Financial & Resource Implications
3.7	There are no financial or resource implications associated with this report.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
3.8	There are no equality or good relations / rural needs implications associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached

	Appendix 1 – Major planning applications at April 2026
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	Appendix 2 – Applications determined by Committee at April 2026
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Live Major Applications not previously considered by Committee @ 14.04.26

Number	Application No.	Category	Location	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date	Status
1	LA04/2023/3799/F	Major	Vacant lands (partial site of the former Wolfhill Flax Spinning Mill) located to the south, of Wolfhill Manor, north of Wolfhill Grove and west of Mill Avenue, Ligoniel Road, Belfast, BT14 8NR	New single storey 10-class based primary school, separate nursery school accommodation and school meals accommodation to facilitate the relocation of St. Vincent De Paul Primary School and Nursery from existing site on Ligoniel Road, Belfast. Proposal includes new pedestrian and vehicular accesses onto Mill Avenue, car parking, covered cycle storage area and hard play areas. Hard and soft landscaping including wildlife walkway, fencing, retaining walls, underground drainage system to include the reinstatement of underground storm sewer and headwall into adjacent DFI River wayleave. Includes temporary contractors compound and all associated site works.	09-Oct-23	06-May-24	Under Consideration
2	LA04/2023/4181/F	Major	Lands comprising the existing Sydenham Wastewater Pumping Station west of Park Avenue, Connswater River and King George V Playing Fields, to the south of the Sydenham By-Pass, east of The Oval football stadium, north and east of Parkgate Gardens and north of Parkgate Crescent, Parkgate Parade and Mersey Street, Belfast	Demolition of existing Wastewater Pumping Station (WwPS) with reinstatement of site as a landscaped area. Construction of a replacement WwPS including associated control building and hardstanding, the raising of site levels, in-channel works, provision of new rising main, other ancillary buildings, the creation of an access road on lands within the King George V Playing Fields to serve the facility, landscaping and other ancillary works. Provision of a temporary working area on lands within the King George V Playing Fields, the creation of a temporary access road from Mersey Street to facilitate construction traffic on lands to the rear of 1-35 Parkgate Gardens, the creation of a temporary footway adjacent to 88 Park Avenue and other ancillary development and landscaping restoration works.	14-Nov-23	11-Jun-24	Under Consideration
3	LA04/2024/0570/F	Major	Stormont Hotel, 587 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3LP	Change of use of an existing hotel, conference centre and offices (sui generis) to a 97-bed care home (Use Class C3(b)) and 1,559sqm diagnostic medical facility (Use Class D1(a)), associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space.	04-Apr-24	31-Oct-24	Under Consideration
4	LA04/2024/0569/O	Major	Stormont Hotel, 587 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3LP and adjacent properties at Castleview Road (nos. 2, 4, 6, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 & 30), Summerhill Parade (nos. 18, 20 & 22), and rear of 160 Barnetts Road, Belfast (amended address)	Outline planning permission with all matter reserved for independent living (Use Class C1) units and up to 62no. assisted living units (Use Class C3), associated internal access roads, communal open space, revised access from Castleview Road, associated car parking, servicing, amenity space and landscaping and demolition of dwellings at Castleview Road (nos. 2, 4, 6, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 & 30) and Summerhill Parade (nos. 18, 20 & 22) (amended description).	04-Apr-24	31-Oct-24	Under Consideration
5	LA04/2024/0910/F	Major	70 Whitewell Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 7ES Site at Hazelwood Integrated College	Redevelopment of Hazelwood Integrated College to include demolition of existing building and development of new school campus, new sports pitch, outdoor play areas, car parking, hard and soft landscaping and retention and refurbishment of the Listed Building (Graymount House) and other associated site works including a temporary mobile village during the construction process.	23-May-24	19-Dec-24	Under Consideration
6	LA04/2024/2024/RM	Major	Royal Ulster Agricultural Society, the Kings Hall, 488-516 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 6GW	41no. retirement living apartments at Plot 6, parking and landscaping in accordance with outline planning permission LA04/2020/0845/O, seeking approval of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping details	18-Dec-24	16-Jul-25	Under Consideration

Page 150	7	LA04/2025/0012/F	Major	Lands at the Waterworks Park, located off the Cavehill Road; and lands at Alexandra Park, located between Castleton Gardens and Deacon Street; extending along Castleton Gardens and Camberwell Terrace to the road junction approximately 30 metres to the north west of 347 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2HF	<p>Refurbishment and safety work to the Waterworks upper and lower reservoirs, and Alexandra Park Lake reservoir, to be complemented with wider environmental, landscape and connectivity improvements.</p> <p>The reservoir works comprise of a new overflow structure with reinforcement and protection of the return embankment parallel to the by-wash channel at Waterworks Upper reservoir. Repairs to the upstream face of Waterworks Lower reservoir with the addition of wetland planting to reduce the overall capacity of the reservoir. Removal of an existing parapet wall and embankment reinforcement at the Alexandra Park Lake reservoir.</p> <p>Improvements at Waterworks Park comprise the demolition of the existing Waterworks Bothy and replacement with a new building to include public toilets, Changing facilities, multi-purpose community room and kitchenette. Extension to existing Cavehill Road gatehouse building. Entrance improvements, new events space including multipurpose decking; resurfacing of footways; new pedestrian lighting along key routes; a dog park; replacement platforms and viewing area. New 3-on-3 basketball court; replacement surface to existing small sided 3G pitch; and upgrades to existing Queen Mary's playground.</p> <p>Improvements at Alexandra Park include the resurfacing of footways; new pedestrian lighting along key routes; new reinforced grass event space; new lake viewing area; new public toilets and changing places; entrance improvements. 2no existing bridges replaced; new pedestrian entrance; reimagined peace wall; new multi-sport synthetic surface with cover; and upgrades to existing play parks.</p> <p>Streetscape improvements along Camberwell Terrace and Castleton Gardens include resurfacing of footways with new kerbs; resurfaced carriageways and new tactile paving at pedestrian crossings; and all associated works.</p>	20-Dec-24	18-Jul-25	Under Consideration
	8	LA04/2024/2134/F	Major	Site of the former Dunmurry Cricket Club, Ashley Park, Dunmurry, Belfast BT17 0QQ, located north of 1-10 Ashley Park and south of 1-20 Areema Grove and Areema Drive, Dunmurry.	Mixed use scheme for new community recreational facilities, including basketball court, parkland and residential development comprising 37no social/affordable housing units with landscaping and associated works.	21-Dec-24	19-Jul-25	Under Consideration
	9	LA04/2024/2145/F	Major	Lands at North Foreshore / Giant's Park Dargan Road, Belfast, BT3 9LZ	Creation of a new Adventure Park comprising a community / visitor hub building including café, creche, flexible exhibition / community space, ancillary office space and maintenance yard. Development includes community gardens, bmx track, crazy golf, dog park, walking/running/cycle paths, outdoor amphitheatre, bio diversity zones, and recreational facilities. Associated landscaping and infrastructure (drainage, lighting, car / coach parking, WC block etc).	15-Jan-25	13-Aug-25	Under Consideration
	10	LA04/2025/0184/O	Major	38-52 Lisburn Road, Malone Lower, Belfast, BT9 6AA	Seven storey building (39.3m AOD) mixed use development comprising of Use Class B1 (c): Business, Research & Development and Use Class, D1: Community and Cultural Uses, including landscaping, and servicing (Amended Description).	10-Feb-25	08-Sep-25	Under Consideration
	11	LA04/2025/0088/F	Major	Lands adjacent and south west of Monagh By-pass, north west of Nos. 17, 19 and 22 Black Ridge Gardens and c.150 metres south east of Nos. 38 to 70 (evens) Black Ridge View (part of the wider Glenmona mixed-use development), Belfast	Proposed mixed use development (in lieu of the previously approved employment zone under LA04/2020/0804/F) comprising a three storey building of 36 no. Category 1 (over 55's) social housing apartments and 7 no. single storey Class B1/B2 Business/Light Industrial Units. Development includes 2 no. access points, car parking, landscaping and all associated site works	17-Feb-25	15-Sep-25	Under Consideration

12	LA04/2025/0974/F	Major	Site to the south of the former Knockbreda High School. Lands bounded by the A55 Upper Knockbreda Road to the south and south-east, Wynchurch Road to the north-east, Knockbreda Primary School to the north and Knockbreda Park to the west.	Development of a new primary school building for Forge Integrated Primary School. including development of a nursery unit, hard and soft play areas, landscaping, car parking, internal drop-off areas and new access arrangements onto the A55 Knockbreda Road via a new signalised junction; demolition of no. 138a Knockbreda Park and associated site works	04-Jun-25	31-Dec-25	Under Consideration
13	LA04/2025/2013/F	Major	Netherleigh House, 1 Massey Avenue, Belfast, BT4 2JP	Change of use of Netherleigh House and existing office block to provide residential and nursing care facilities. Extensions to existing office block including a fourth storey floor, eastern and western gable extension and two front projections from the northern elevation. Erection of 36 no. assisted living apartments over two four storey blocks. Site parking, landscaped amenity areas, woodland trails and all associated site works	18-Nov-25	16-Jun-26	Under Consideration
14	LA04/2025/2018/F	Major	Lands at Donegall Quay, Tomb St. to north of Albert Square, Gamble St. to south of Corporation Sq, Little Patrick St. to east of Nelson St. & under the M3 bridge at Donegall Quay and Corporation St., Belfast, BT1 1AA	Public realm and road improvements including development of urban recreation space below the M3 flyover at Corporation Street / Tomb Street and new public space below the M3 flyover at Donegall Quay.	19-Nov-25	17-Jun-26	Under Consideration
15	LA04/2025/1991/F	Major	Makro, 97 Kingsway, Belfast, BT17 9NS	Subdivision of the existing cash and carry building and the change of use of 4,750 sq,m gross floorspace for use as a Class A1 retail; erection of new loading bay in service yard; minor external alterations to building; reconfiguration of car park.	03-Dec-25	01-Jul-26	Under Consideration
16	LA04/2025/2096/F	Major	Land adjacent to Quay Gate House 15 Scrabo Street Belfast BT5 4D: footpaths and public realm at Scrabo Street Station Street and Middlepath Street.	Variation of Condition 5 of Planning Permission LA04/2019/2387/F relating to Noise Impact Assessment.	04-Dec-25	02-Jul-26	Under Consideration
17	LA04/2025/2113/F	Major	St. Marys Christian Brothers Grammar School St Marys Christian Brothers Grammar School 147a Glen Road, Andersonstown, Belfast, BT11 8NR	The construction of a new Sports Hall, Gymnasium and P.E Facility and footbridge connecting to existing GAA playing field	09-Dec-25	07-Jul-26	Under Consideration
18	LA04/2025/2033/F	Major	The Maynard Sinclair Pavilion Stormont Estate, Belfast, BT4 3TA	Variation of conditions, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 24, 25 and 27 of planning approval LA04/2023/2459/F to allow for phasing of the development.	12-Dec-25	10-Jul-26	Under Consideration
19	LA04/2026/0007/F	Major	Lands at Belfast YMCA, Knightsbridge Park, Stranmillis, Belfast. To the east of Nos. 15; 17; 19; 25; 27; 29; and 35 Knightsbridge Manor. South of Nos. 26 to 34 (evens) Knightsbridge Manor, Nos. 65; 66; and 68 Vauxhall Park, and Nos. 15 and 17 Marylebone Park. West of Nos. 35 and 38 Sharman Drive, and Nos. 39 and 42 Sharman Park, Belfast	Proposed mixed-use development comprising 3G playing pitch with floodlighting; Children's Play Area; Trim Trail; Car Parking; and 24 No. Dwelling Units including a mix of detached, semi-detached and apartment house types. The development also includes site access, internal roads, landscaping and pumping station and all other associated site and access works.	17-Dec-25	15-Jul-26	Under Consideration
20	LA04/2025/2215/F	Major	Halifax Building, 24 Cromac Place, Building, BT7 2JB	Proposed change of use from offices to nursing home comprising 156 no. bedrooms, ancillary scanning unit and all associated accommodation including dining/ café areas, day rooms and lounges, hairdressers, cinema rooms, treatment rooms and internal courtyard. The proposal also includes ancillary offices, landscaping, cycle parking, external alterations and all other site and associated works.	19-Dec-25	17-Jul-26	Under Consideration

21	LA04/2025/2210/O	Major	Lands to the east of Corporation Street, north of Donegall Quay, west and south of Clarendon Dock, south, east and south west of Pilot Street, and south and south east of Corry Road, Belfast (amended address)	<p>Hybrid planning permission is being sought for the following development:</p> <p>Outline Planning Application (no matters reserved) for Plots A & B to provide 456No. residential units (apartments) and 1,600sqm of ground floor commercial uses including retail (Class A1), Financial and Professional (Class A2), Community and Cultural Uses (Class D1), Assembly and Leisure (Class D2), and café, bar and restaurant uses, landscaping, open space, play equipment, public realm improvements and all associated site and access works including servicing from Corporation Street.</p> <p>Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) for Plots C, D, E and F for a mixed-use development comprising residential (apartments and dwellings), a Hotel/Apart Hotel, ground floor commercial uses including retail (Class A1), Financial and Professional (Class A2), Community and Cultural Uses (Class D1), Assembly and Leisure (Class D2), and café, bar and restaurant uses, the change of use (principle only) to the listed Clarendon Building, Furnace House and Pump House (to include cafe and restaurant uses), re-purposing of Clarendon Dock for leisure uses and all associated site, access and infrastructure works.</p>	27-Jan-26	25-Aug-26	Under Consideration
22	LA04/2026/0282/F	Major	29-33 Bedford Street, Belfast, BT2 7EJ	Renewal of application reference LA04/2020/0659/F - Refurbishment of existing four storey terrace including alteration, extension to rear, partial demolition and reinstatement. Part change of use from art galleries to two cafes at ground floor. Retention of offices within existing building at second, third and fourth floor. Erection of new 13 storey aparthotel building to rear and associated works including public realm improvements	13-Feb-26	11-Sep-26	Under Consideration
Page 158	LA04/2026/0291/F	Major	Lands to the north of No. 33 and No. 35 Hampton Park, Galwally, Belfast, BT7 3JP and to the west of Lowry Court, 27 Hampton Park, Galwally, Belfast, BT7 3JY and to the south of 7 and 8 Mornington, Galwally, Belfast, BT7 3JS.	Application to Vary Condition 6 of Z/2007/1401/F (Contamination)	17-Feb-26	15-Sep-26	Under Consideration
	24	LA04/2026/0496/F	Major	Lands at 3-9 Dalton Street, (bordered by Middlepath Street and Bridge End), Belfast, BT5 4BA	Proposed construction of 325no. apartments, residents' gym and 4no. retail units with associated car parking and landscaping (amendment to previously approved application LA04/2018/2649/F).	19-Mar-26	15-Oct-26
25	LA04/2026/0515/F	Major	All Saints College Glen Road, Belfast and lands to the rear of Hamill Park and Nos 151 to 165A Glen Road (former Cross & Passion school site).	Proposed construction of a new post-primary school campus on the former Cross & Passion site, with associated landscaping, play areas, new access road, parking and all other associated works. The proposal also includes the demolition of the existing All Saints Glen Road Campus buildings and redevelopment of the site to include new playing fields, changing pavilion and associated parking.	20-Mar-26	16-Oct-26	Under Consideration
26	LA04/2026/0442/F	Major	Land at D3 adjacent to the RSPB Reserve Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9DY	Revisions to terrestrial elements of Planning Permission ref. LA04/2016/0421/F (Construction of a new multi-purpose berthing facility at D3) comprising upgrade of existing access track along northeastern boundary of site and installation of associated street lighting/parking area; additional security hut; relocation and extension of main cruise terminal building and associated parking/drop-off areas with covered walkways; additional baggage building; and other associated site works in respect of lighting, landscaping and ancillary infrastructure. Retention of approved cruise quay with minor relocation of mooring dolphins, 25m wide piled relieving slab along quay length, associated hardstanding on hinterland, tower lights (with one to be relocated), security hut, access road adjacent to RSPB lands and other ancillary works.	24-Mar-26	20-Oct-26	Under Consideration

27	LA04/2026/0340/F	Major	The Edge, 1 Frederick Street, Belfast, BT1 2LW	Proposed change of use of 144 no. PBMSA units to short term let accommodation outside of term time only.	30-Mar-26	26-Oct-26	Under Consideration
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Planning Applications Discussed at Committee Between 01 Apr 2019 and 14 Apr 2026

Decision Description	Totals
	15
Application Withdrawn	
Consent Granted	1
Consent Refused	
Permission Granted	16
Permission Refused	2
Total	34

Application No.	Location	Proposal	Category	Date Valid	Statutory Target Date	Statutory Target Weeks	Current number of Weeks	Committee Date	Weeks between Valid date and Comm date	Weeks Since Committee	Previous New Non-statutory Target Date	New Non-statutory Target Date	Reason decision not issued
LA04/2022/2059/F	Lands south of 56 Highcairn Drive Belfast BT13 3RU Site located at junction between Highcairn Drive and Dunboyne Park Belfast.	Social Housing Development comprising of 12 no. 3p/2b semi-detached dwelling houses with incurtilage parking and associated site works. (amended description and site location plan)	LOC	04-Nov-22	17-Feb-23	15	180	29/06/2023	33	145	31/03/2026	31/05/2026	Awaiting Section 76 Agreement - land ownership issues on the applicant's side
LA04/2024/0369/F	Lands at Former Monarch Laundry site, and Broadway Hall Site, No's 451 - 457 Donegall Road, Belfast, BT12 6HD.	Proposed Specialist Nursing and Residential Care Facility comprising approximately 158 no. beds, day/dining rooms, treatment rooms, staff rooms, office/store rooms, including car parking provision, cycle parking, refuse storage, landscaping, and associated site and access works.	MAJ	08-Feb-24	05-Sep-24	30	114	12/11/2024	39	74			Permission Granted
LA04/2023/2557/F	Lands East of Meadowhill, North of Glencolin Court, North and East of Glencolin Rise, East of Glencolin Grove, North and West of Glen Road Rise, and North of Glen Road Grove. Belfast.	260 no. dwellings, children's play area and other ancillary and associated works.	MAJ	24-Feb-23	22-Sep-23	30	164	10/12/2024	93	70			Permission Granted

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LA04/2024/1036/F	Lands to the east of the River Lagan located between Lagan Gateway Phase 1 and Belvoir Park Forest, running adjacent to the west of Belvoir Park Golf Club and approximately 120 metres to the east of Newtownbreda Water Treatment Plant, Galwally Ave, Belfast BT8 7YA.	Lagan Gateway Phase 2 – Proposed greenway connection extending between Lagan Gateway Phase 1 at Annadale Embankment to Belvoir Forest Park. Comprising compacted gravel paths; a new elevated (4-5 meter high) timber boardwalk (approximately 85m long); landscaping works, new cycle stands, bollards, seats and bins; and all associated works	LOC	10-May-24	23-Aug-24	15	101	17/06/2025	57	43	Unknown	Unknown	Further information requested from applicant following request from DAERA NIEA
LA04/2023/4543/F	885 Shore Road, Belfast, BT36 7DH	Proposed new changing pavilion, enhancing grounds entrances including turnstiles, ancillary facilities and upgrade to existing car park. Proposed 3G surfacing to existing grass pitch with flood lighting.	LOC	01-Feb-24	16-May-24	15	115	17/06/2025	71	43	Unknown	31.5.26	Information provided by applicant and DAERA: NED reconsulted
LA04/2025/0535/F	Lands West of Monagh By-Pass South of Upper Springfield Road & 30-34 Upper Springfield Road & West of Aitnamona Crescent & St Theresa's Primary School. North and East of 2-22 Old Brewery Lane, Glanaulin, 137-143a Glen Road & Airfield Heights & St Mary's CBG School Belfast	Variation of conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 14, 17, 18, 19, 36, 37 and 41 of approval LA04/2023/2390/F and LA04/2020/0804/F to facilitate removal of 31 previously approved dwellings and retaining structure along northern boundary of site adjacent to Upper Springfield Road. Retention of existing sloping ground levels and landscaping at this location.	MAJ	27-May-25	23-Dec-25	30	46	17/06/2025	3	43	28/02/2026	31/05/2026	Awaiting conclusion of S77 agreement (amendment to S76 agreement). Information provided by applicant and DFI Roads re-consulted
LA04/2024/1654/F	432 Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 6EN	Change of use from a 7-bedroom dwelling house (C1) to a 7 bed/ 9 person House of Multiple Occupancy (Sui Generis)	LOC	21-Oct-24	03-Feb-25	15	77	12/08/2025	42	35			Permission Refused

LA04/2024/1865/O	Land between No 22 Squires View and Nos 57 & 59 Squires Hill Road, Belfast.	3no. detached dwellings part 2 storey part 3 storey (amended plans)	LOC	28-Oct-24	10-Feb-25	15	76	12/08/2025	41	35	30/04/2026	31/05/2026	Late objections received. Additional information received from applicant regarding land stability issue. New objection from Shared Environmental Services being considered. To be reported back to Committee
LA04/2024/0626/F	1 Havelock House Havelock Place, Ormeau, Belfast, BT7 1EB	Erection of 104no. social rented residential units (comprising a mix of General Social Housing and Category 1 over 55's accommodation) across two detached blocks [ranging between 3 and 5 storeys], landscaping, communal and private amenity space, ancillary cycle and car parking provision, and other associated site works	MAJ	17-Apr-24	13-Nov-24	30	104	11/11/2025	81	22			Permission Granted
LA04/2025/1454/F	The Lockhouse 13 River Terrace Belfast BT7 2EN	New community wellbeing centre and cafe extension to existing lockhouse building	LOC	17-Sep-25	31-Dec-25	15	30	09/12/2025	11	18	28/02/2026	Unknown	Awaiting outstanding SES consultation response

LA04/2025/0288/F	Existing taxi passenger terminal and former retail unit located within 35a King Street, Belfast, BT1 1HU.	Retrospective change of use from ground floor taxi passenger terminal, cafe, office and newsagent to a Homeless Centre, Category D1(B). The centre will provide meals, washing and changing facilities and an internal social amenity area for users. The centre will operate Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 4:00 pm up until 10:00 pm (Amended Description)	LOC	11-Mar-25	24-Jun-25	15	57	17/02/2026	49	8	31/03/2026	31/05/2026	Additional information regarding odour abatement requested from applicant; Environmental Health to then be re-consulted
LA04/2024/1389/F	Newhill Youth and Community Centre, 261 Whiterock Road, Belfast, BT12 7FX	Community garden and improvements to existing unused space, scheme to include allotment area, pizza and BBQ area and pathways (Amended Description)	LOC	07-Oct-24	20-Jan-25	15	79	17/02/2026	71	8			Permission Granted
LA04/2025/1716/F	Santander House, 1 Mays Meadow, Belfast, BT1 3PH	Proposed change of use from, Use class B1(a) office, to short term Transitional Care Unit, Use Class C3 b) comprising of 73 no. ensuite beds, associated ancillary facilities including café, rehabilitation suites and treatment rooms, laboratory, consulting rooms, 2 no. external terraces and all other ancillary, staff and storage rooms. Development includes ambulance drop off bay, replacement of existing windows, and all other associated site and access works.	MAJ	05-Nov-25	03-Jun-26	30	23	17/02/2026	14	8			Permission Granted

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LA04/2025/1896/F	Former Belfast Metropolitan College Campus Whiterock Road, Belfast, BT12 7PH	Proposed mixed use development comprising of 77 No. social housing units (mix of 26 dwellings and 51 apartments) and a new children's centre, car parking, landscaping, open space, access and all associated site works including the installation of a new substation.(amendment to planning permission ref: LA04/2024/0122/F).	MAJ	06-Nov-25	04-Jun-26	30	23	17/02/2026	14	8			Permission Granted
LA04/2025/2183/F	Units 2a and 2b 38 Boucher Road, Belfast, BT12 6HR	Removal of conditions 14 and 15 from the permission referenced LA04/2024/0714/F (Contamination)	MAJ	18-Dec-25	16-Jul-26	30	17	17/02/2026	8	8			Permission Granted
LA04/2025/2216/LBC	Ulster Hall, 30 Bedford Street, Belfast, BT2 7FF	Installation of Facade Lighting	LOC	19-Dec-25	03-Apr-26	15	17	17/02/2026	8	8			Permission Granted
LA04/2025/1135/F	57 Knock Eden Park, Belfast, BT6 0JG	Demolition of first floor rear return, and proposed erection of new first floor rear extension and additional site works	LOC	18-Jul-25	31-Oct-25	15	39	17/02/2026	30	8			Permission Granted
LA04/2025/0605/F	341-345 Albertbridge Road, Ballymacarret, Belfast, BT5 4PY	Erection of a four storey building to create 29no. short-term let accommodation units with ancillary roof-mounted solar panels	LOC	09-Apr-25	23-Jul-25	15	53	17/02/2026	44	8	TBC	TBC	Application considered at February 2026 Committee following site visit
LA04/2023/2633/F	St Teresa's GAC, 2 Glen Road Heights, Belfast BT11 8ER	Proposed extension to existing clubhouse to provide indoor sports hall, changing rooms, reception, and fitness suite. Proposed relocation of grass pitch and new 3G training pitch with integrated ball walls. Proposed annex building with club store and matchday shop. Site works including increased parking, fencing, catch nets, floodlighting, dugouts, paths, and other associated amenities.	MAJ	14-Mar-23	10-Oct-23	30	161	17/02/2026	153	8			Permission Granted

LA04/2022/0809/F	Lands to the south and west of Woodland Grange to the north of Blacks Gate and to the east of Moor Park Mews Belfast.	Amendments to approved schemes ref. Z/2008/0993/F (erection of 53 No. dwellings) & ref. Z/2013/0120/F (erection of 46 No. dwellings); to reduce overall density from 99 No. dwellings to 92 No. dwellings and associated and ancillary works.	MAJ	21-Apr-22	17-Nov-22	30	208	17/02/2026	199	8	31/03/2026	31/05/2026	Amended road layout (PSD) drawings submitted by applicant following comments from DfI Roads. DfI Roads reconsulted
LA04/2024/0483/F	34-44 Bedford Street and 6 Clarence Street, Belfast	Proposed change of use from Office (B1) and restaurant (Sui Generis) to Hotel comprising of 88 no. bedrooms, two storey rooftop extension, restaurant and bar offerings, gym facilities, including new dormer windows on roof, internal and external refurbishment and alterations, and all associated site works.	MAJ	19-Mar-24	15-Oct-24	30	108	10/03/2026	103	5			Permission Granted
LA04/2024/0480/DCA	34-44 Bedford Street and 6 Clarence Street, Belfast	Part demolition of existing buildings (stripping back of roof, shopfront and other external alterations to facilitate change of use and extension of buildings to hotel use.	LOC	29-Mar-24	12-Jul-24	15	107	10/03/2026	101	5			Consent Granted
LA04/2024/0015/F	Lands at Cabin Hill, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4	Erection of 53 residential units (including 43 dwellings and 10 apartments) including creation of access, internal roads, landscaping and associated works (revised information).	MAJ	05-Dec-25	03-Jul-26	30	19	10/03/2026	13	5			Permission Granted
LA04/2025/0973/F	Bradbury Place 30-44 Bradbury Place, Belfast, BT7 1RS	Retrospective change of use from student accommodation to short term lets accommodation (limited to July & August each year only)	LOC	12-Jun-25	25-Sep-25	15	44	10/03/2026	38	5			Permission Granted

LA04/2025/1003/F	81-107 York Street, Belfast, BT15 1AT	Proposed use of 300 No. Student Bedrooms/Studios as Short Term Let Accommodation outside of term time.	LOC	16-Jun-25	29-Sep-25	15	43	10/03/2026	38	5	N/A	31/05/2026	S76 being signed, then to be issued.
LA04/2025/1350/F	29 GLENCAIRN STREET EDENDERRY BELFAST BT13 3LT	Change of Use from 3 bed Dwelling (Class C1) to 5-bed, 5-person HMO (sui generis)	LOC	24-Jul-25	06-Nov-25	15	38	10/03/2026	32	5	N/A	To be reconsidered	Deferred for Site Visit
LA04/2025/1272/F	Harberton North Special School 29a Fortwilliam Park, Belfast, BT15 4AP	Erection of temporary mobile classroom village to facilitate future refurbishment and extension of existing Harberton North Special School, comprising 3 no. 2-storey blocks of temporary classroom accommodation, temporary hard play areas, temporary staff and visitor parking areas, tree removal and landscaping. (Amended Plans)	MAJ	31-Jul-25	26-Feb-26	30	37	10/03/2026	31	5			Permission Granted
LA04/2025/0574/F	Surface level car park at lands to east of Lanyon Place Station Mays Meadow, Belfast, BT1 3NR	Erection of eight storey building comprising seven floors of grade A office accommodation, ground floor retail / business units together with car parking (15 no. spaces), cycle parking and plant areas: and public realm improvements including dedicated drop-off area to front of building	MAJ	17-Apr-25	13-Nov-25	30	52	10/03/2026	46	5	N/A	31/05/2026	Applicant to address issues raised by DfI Roads
LA04/2025/0594/F	163 Ballygomartin Road, Belfast, BT13 3NA	Change of use from 4 bedroom residential property (C1) with to 5 bed HMO with occupancy of 5 (Sui Generis)	LOC	30-Apr-25	13-Aug-25	15	50	10/03/2026	44	5	N/A	To be reconsidered	Deferred for Site Visit

LA04/2025/0837/F	Land of the former Mount Masonic Hall, 45 Park Avenue Belfast BT4 1SH.	Demolition of Mount Masonic Hall, erection of 35 no. social housing units in 2 no. blocks with associated private, shared, communal, and public space, 29 no. private car parking spaces, vehicle and pedestrian access from Park Avenue, improvements to pedestrian steps linking Strandburn Drive to Sydenham Park, and demolition of 1no. garage.	LOC	13-Jun-25	26-Sep-25	15	44	10/03/2026	38	5			Permission Granted
LA04/2025/0951/F	Loughside playing fields, Shore Road, Belfast, BT15 3PZ	Proposed 25m monopole with 6no. antennas, 4no. transmission dishes, 2no. equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto.	LOC	30-Jun-25	13-Oct-25	15	41	10/03/2026	36	5			Permission Refused
LA04/2025/1002/F	24 Rutherglen Street, Belfast, BT13 3LS	Change of use from 4 bed residential dwelling (C1) to 5 bedroom HMO (suis generis) with occupancy for 5 people	LOC	17-Jul-25	30-Oct-25	15	39	10/03/2026	33	5	N/A	To be reconsidered	Deferred for Site Visit
LA04/2025/1692/F	Existing soccer pitch at Marrowbone Millenium Park (approx. 25m north of No. 8 Ardoyne Court), Ardoyne Avenue, Belfast.	Extension of existing ballstop fencing from 5m to 8m along three sides. This will total 220m in length. (Amended Proposal Description)	LOC	21-Oct-25	03-Feb-26	15	25	10/03/2026	20	5			Permission Granted
LA04/2025/0463/F	Decco Ltd 1-5 Redcar Street, Belfast, BT6 9BP	Proposed change of use of Vacant Warehouse to indoor Padel Court Facility to include, Cafe, Changing rooms, Gym, Picklecourts and ancillary site development works	LOC	26-Mar-25	09-Jul-25	15	55	10/03/2026	49	5	N/A	31/05/2026	Delegated authority sought to resolve final response from NIW. Discussions ongoing.

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Subject:	Asset Management i) Cromac Street Car Park – Licence Renewal ii) Station Street Car Park – Licence Renewal iii) Little Victoria Street Car Park – Advertising Station iv) Ballymacarrett Walkway – Container Licence v) Hanwood Centre Lands - Sublease
Date:	24 April 2026
Reporting Officer:	Sinead Grimes, Director of Property & Projects
Contact Officer:	Pamela Davison, Estates Manager

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Call-in	
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee on asset related disposal, acquisition and estates matters.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <p>i) Cromac Street Car Park – Licence Renewal</p> <p>Approve the renewal of a Licence agreement from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) in relation to the Council operated off-street car park at Cromac Street.</p> <p>ii) Station Street Car Park – Licence Renewal</p> <p>Approve the renewal of a Licence agreement from the Department for Communities (DfC) in relation to the Council operated off-street car park at Station Street.</p> <p>iii) Little Victoria Street Car Park – Advertising Station</p> <p>Approve the grant of a Licence to Bauer Media Outdoor NI Limited for an advertising station located at Little Victoria Street car park.</p> <p>iv) Ballymacarrett Walkway – Container Licence</p> <p>Approve the grant of a Licence to Walk Wheel Cycle Trust for a storage container located at Ballymacarrett Walkway.</p> <p>v) Hanwood Centre Lands – sublease</p> <p>Approve of a surrender of the current Licence Agreement with Hanwood Trust Company Ltd & approve the granting of a sublease to Hanwood Trust Company Ltd.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>i) Cromac Street Car Park – Licence Renewal</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Cromac Street car park is owned by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) and is held by the Council under Licence. The current Licence is for a term of 1 year which expired on 31/03/2026. This Licence was subject to a fee of £48,000 as assessed by Land & Property Services (LPS) based on 30% of the actual income generated by the car park in the previous year. NIHE have agreed to grant a new Licence to the Council for a further term of 1 year to 31/03/2027 on the same terms with LPS to assess the revised fee.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>

	<p>The Licence renewal would be drafted by NIHE and Councils Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates team. Council will be responsible for payment of the Licence fee being 30% of the actual income generated by the car park in the previous year, currently £48,000 pa. Council will retain all revenue generated from its operation of the car park.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>ii) Station Street Car Park – Licence Renewal</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Station Street car park is owned by the Department for Communities (DfC) and is held by the Council under Licence. The current Licence is for a term of 1 year expiring on 30/06/2026 and is subject to a fee of £58,500 as assessed by Land & Property Services (LPS) based on 30% of the actual income generated by the car park in the previous year. DfC have agreed to grant a new Licence to the Council for a further term of 1 year to 30/06/2027 on the same terms with LPS to assess the revised fee. Both DfC and Council have a mutual break option given the Queens Quay development plans.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The Licence renewal would be drafted by DSO on behalf of DfC, and Councils Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates team. Council will be responsible for payment of a Licence fee being 30% of the actual income generated by the car park in the previous year, currently £58,500 pa. Council will retain all revenue generated from its operation of the car park.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<p>3.3</p>	<p>iii) Little Victoria Street Car Park – Advertising Station</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Belfast City Council previously entered into an Agreement with Clear Channel NI Limited to place an advertising station within Little Victoria Street car park from 1 April 2020 for a term of 5 years at the rate of £6,400 pa. Clear Channel NI Limited have been bought over by Bauer Media Outdoor NI Limited ('Bauer Media'). It is proposed to grant a new 5-year Licence to Bauer Media. Following negotiation and based on comparable evidence it is proposed to increase the fee to £6,500 pa subject to review in year 3. Members are asked to approve the grant of a new Licence to Bauer Media for the advertising station located within Little Victoria Street car park.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The Councils Estates Management Unit will instruct Legal Services to draft the Licence. Bauer Media will be responsible for payment of the annual Licence fee of £6,500 pa.</p>

	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.4	<p>iv) Ballymacarrett Walkway – Container Licence</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Council previously granted a Licence to Sustrans to place a storage container within compound lands adjacent to Ballymacarrett Recreation Centre for the purpose of storing bicycles and other equipment to promote active travel. The Licence commenced on 27 June 2022 for a term of 9 months in consideration of £10.00 per month. Sustrans have changed their name to Walk Wheel Cycle Trust. It is proposed to grant a new 9-month Licence to Walk Wheel Cycle Trust on similar terms for a new site within the compound lands. Members are asked to approve the grant of a new Licence to Walk Wheel Cycle Trust for a storage container located at Ballymacarrett Walkway.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The Councils Estates Management Unit will instruct Legal Services to draft the Licence. Walk Wheel Cycle Trust will be responsible for payment of the Licence fee of £10.00 per month.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.5	<p>v) Hanwood Centre Lands – sublease</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Hanwood Trust Company Ltd (HTC Ltd) have requested that their current Licence which commenced 01.11.2008 for a period of 21 years for Hanwood Centre lands is surrendered and that HTC Ltd are granted a new lease for a period of 15 years. The new lease has been requested by HTC Ltd to assist with funding applications. The Council hold a 999 year lease from NIHE dated 31.10.2007 which makes provision for a sublease to Hanwood at nominal consideration. Members are asked to approve the surrender of the current Licence Agreement & approve the granting a sublease with HTC Ltd. Head Landlord consent has already been granted by NIHE to the proposed new lease between BCC & HTC Ltd. See Map at Appendix 5 showing Hanwood Centre Lands of 0.865 acres.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit. The rent will be one peppercorn (if demanded).</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>

Appendix 1 – Map illustrating Cromac Street Car Park.

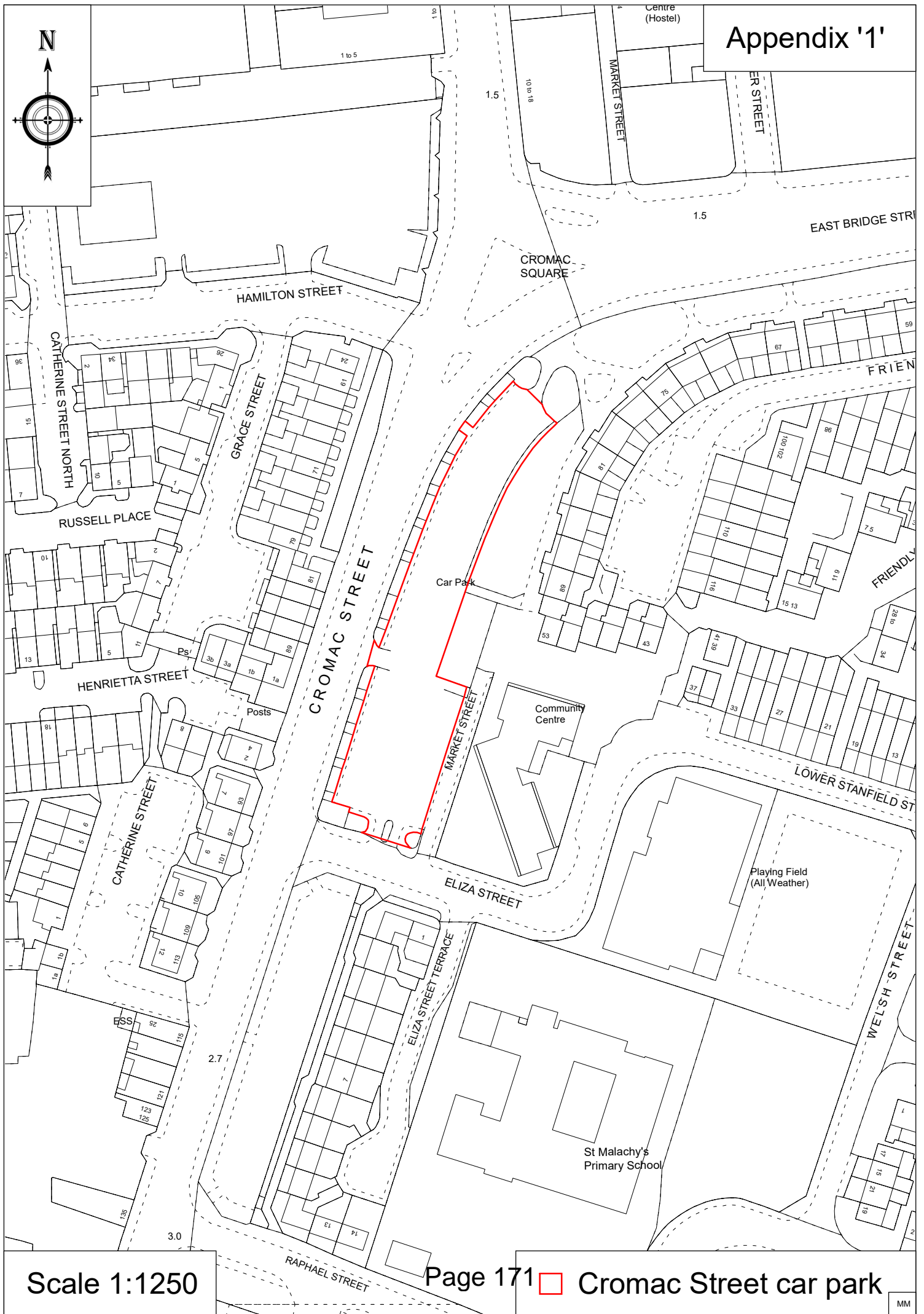
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Appendix 3 – Map showing the location of the advertising station within Little Victoria Street Car Park.

Appendix 4 – Map showing the location of the storage container at Ballymacarrett Walkway.

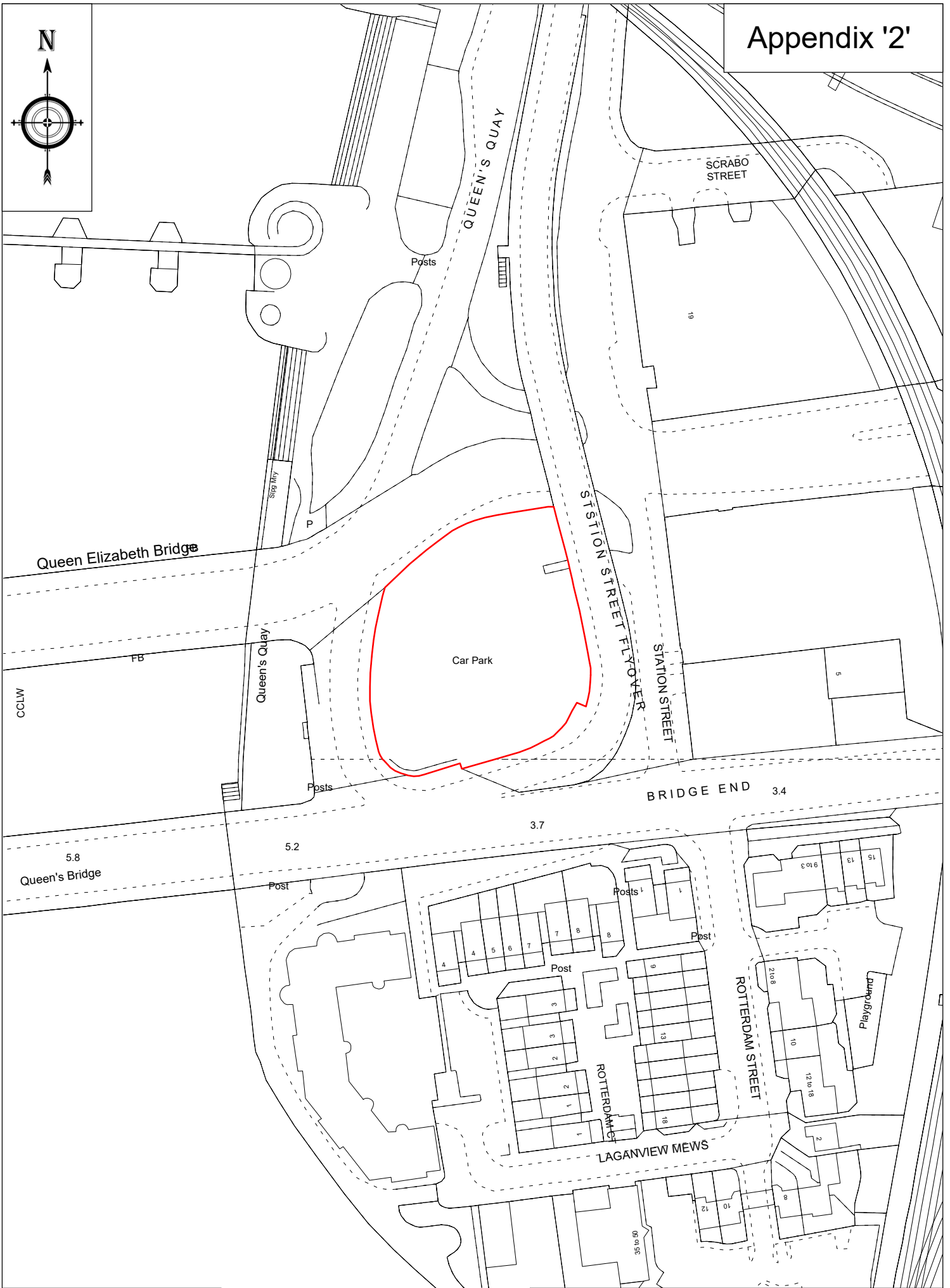
Appendix 5 – Map showing Hanwood Centre Lands of 0.865 acres

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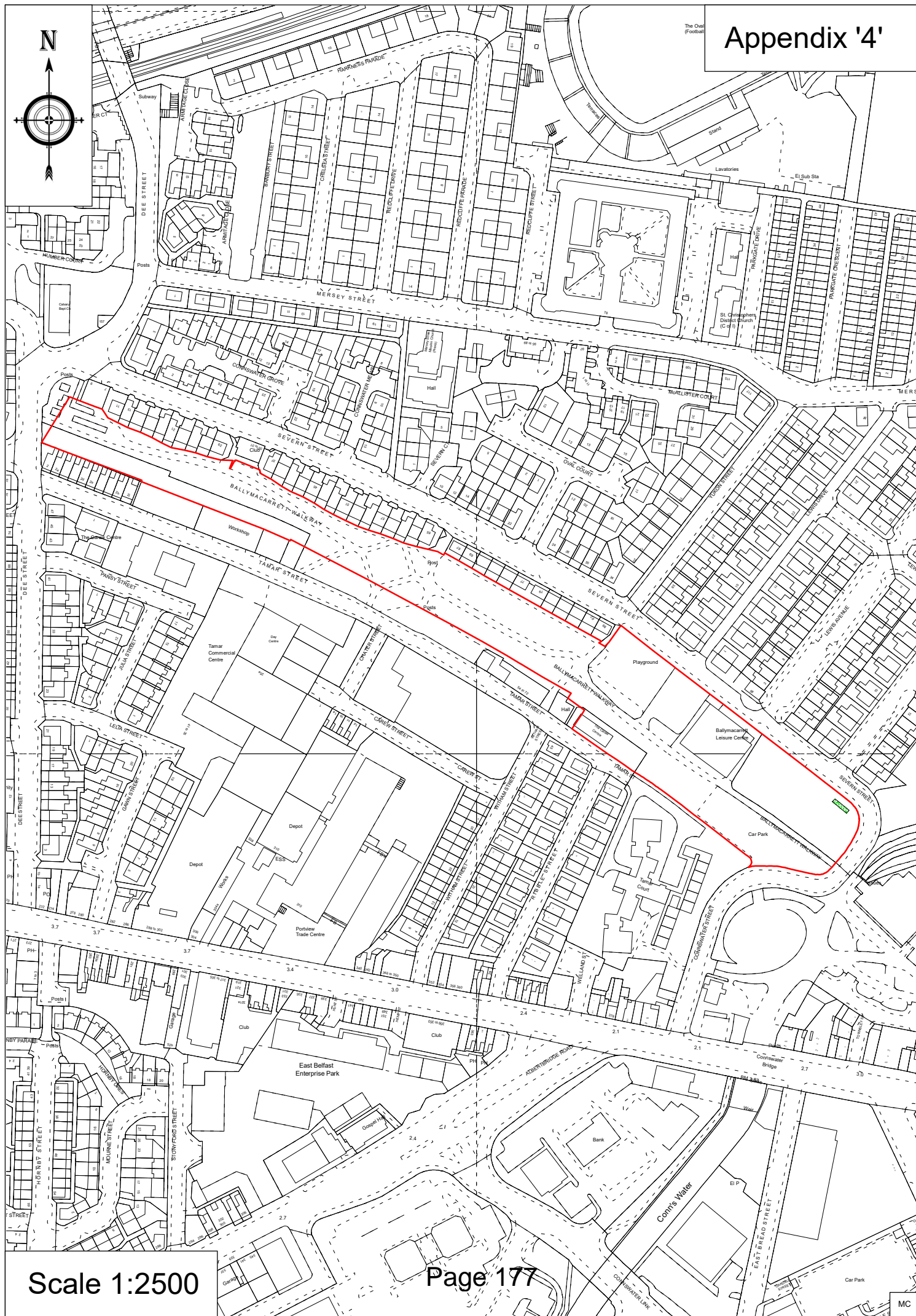
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Subject:	Contracts Update
Date:	24 April 2026
Reporting Officer:	Sharon McNicholl, Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Corporate Services
Contact Officer:	Lewis Murray, Strategic Category Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	The purpose of this report is to:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek approval from members for tenders, contract modifications to contract term and Single Tender Actions (STA) over £30,000. 				
2.0	Recommendations				
	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 1). Approve the modification of the contract as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 2). 				
3.0	Competitive Tenders				
	<p>Section 2.5 of the Scheme of Delegation states Chief Officers have delegated authority to authorise a contract for the procurement of goods, services or works over the statutory limit of £30,000 following a tender exercise where the council has approved the invitation to tender.</p> <p>Standing Order 60(a) states any contract that exceeds the statutory amount (currently £30,000) shall be made under the Corporate Seal. Under Standing Order 51(b) the Corporate Seal can only be affixed when there is a resolution of the Council.</p> <p>Standing Order 54 states that every contract shall comply with the relevant requirements of national and European legislation.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 1).</p>				
4.0	Modification to Contract				
	The Committee is asked to approve the following modification of the contract as per Standing Order 37a as set out in Appendix 1 (Table 2).				
6.0	STA and Contracts <£30k Reporting				
	<p>At SP&R in October 23 the Committee agreed that 'the quarterly finance report should, in future, include information on expenditure on Single Tender Actions and on the number and value of contracts under £30,000'.</p> <p>Information on expenditure broken down by individual STA contract records is not readily available from the Council's current financial system. However, CPS centrally record the number and maximum total value of STA contract records. Quarter 4 2025/26 is provided below:</p> <p>STAs awarded FY 25/26 Qtr 4</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of STA contracts</th> <th>Total value of STA contracts</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>£227,955</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number of STA contracts	Total value of STA contracts	18	£227,955
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	<p>Records for contracts (including title; supplier name; value; duration etc) valued below £30,000 are not centrally held by CPS and are maintained on departmental registers. Below is a quarterly return by all departments on contracts awarded valued below £30,000 during FY 25/26 Qtr 4.</p> <p>Contracts <£30k awarded FY 25/26 Qtr 4</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of <£30k contracts</th> <th>Total value of <£30k contracts</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>38</td> <td>£716,809</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number of <£30k contracts	Total value of <£30k contracts	38	£716,809
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6.0	Tender pipeline				
	<p>To support transparency and assist supplier planning, Members should note that Future Tendering Opportunities are published bi-annually on the Councils website. The current update Tendering opportunities covers future tendering opportunities up to 31st March 2027.</p> <p>Note: CPS consult with Departments to help populate this procurement pipeline and are reliant on Departments sharing their available procurement plans.</p>				
7.0	Financial & Resource Implications				
	The financial resources for these contracts are within approved corporate or departmental budgets.				
8.0	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment				
	None				
9.0	Appendices – Documents Attached				
	<p>Appendix 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table 1 - Competitive Tenders • Table 2 - Modification to Contract 				

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Table 1: Competitive Tenders

Title of Tender	Proposed Contract Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Short description of goods / services	On published pipeline (Y/N)	Prior Committee approval (Y/N) If Y name Committee & Date	External Funding (Y/N)
Provision for the Implementation and Delivery of West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership's Network Support Project	Up to 4.5 years	£169,312.50	D Sales	West Belfast DPCSP wishes to appoint a contractor to support local structures to identify and address local policing and community safety issues.	Y	N	Y
To provide and supply the hire of 1 x RCV 18t narrow back vehicle with twin rear bin-lifters (including maintenance)	Up to 2 years	£103,480	D Sales	A new lease agreement is required from 01 August 2026 to 31 July 2028 to allow for the continuation of services until the procurement of 1 new 18T RCV is complete. Current lead time of new vehicle is 14 months from point of order.	Y	N	N
Waste Management Services to support the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann	Up to 2 years	£342,000	D Sales	Waste management services to support delivery of the Fleadh 26 with option to cover Fleadh 27, if required. Approved Feb 2026 SP&R. Estimated 2 year value now included.	N	N	N
Replacement Heating Installation & Associated Works at Vehicle Maintenance Workshop & Garages	Up to 12 weeks	£150,000	S Grimes	Replacement heating systems required as current no longer meets the operational requirements. Due to the age and condition of the plant and equipment it is no longer economically viable to repair/maintain.	N	N	N
Supply & Installation of Replacement Boilers &	Up to 12 weeks	£100,000	S Grimes	Replacement boilers required as current no longer meets the	N	N	N

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Title of Tender	Proposed Contract Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Short description of goods / services	On published pipeline (Y/N)	Prior Committee approval (Y/N) If Y name Committee & Date	External Funding (Y/N)
Associated Works at Belfast Castle				operational requirements. Due to the age and condition of the plant and equipment it is no longer economically viable to repair/maintain.			
Corporate Asset Management System (AMS)	Up to 1 year	£68,000	P Gribben	The Corporate Asset Management System (AMS) is provided by Concerto (Bellrock) and this contract is due to expire on 01/07/2026. Whilst a procurement process is underway to replace the existing system, the implementation will not be complete in advance of the current contract expiration. A new 1-year agreement is required to support the procurement and implementation of a replacement system.	N	N	N

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Table 2: Modification to Contract

Title of Contract	Original Contract Duration & Value	Modification – Period & Value	SRO	Description	Supplier
Email Filtering Service (T2699)	Up to 3 years & £150,000	Additional 6 weeks	S McNicholl	Tender for 3 years was approved at Nov 25 SP&R. During negotiations at award an additional 6 weeks to contract term was required which resulted in a reduction to contract price.	Softcat plc



Subject:	NICVA Summit 2026
Date:	24 April 2026
Reporting Officer:	John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy
Contact Officer:	John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to inform Members of a request from NICVA requesting sponsorship of their upcoming NICVA Summit event. An overview of NICVA's proposal is attached at Appendix 1.

20	Recommendation
2.1	Members are asked to consider NICVA’s request for sponsorship of £20,000 for their 2026 Summit event.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	As outlined in Appendix 1, NICVA have requested a contribution of £20,000 from Belfast City Council to support the 2026 Summit, with the full delivery costs of the event estimated at over £70,000.
3.2	NICVA highlight that this investment will directly support the delivery of a ‘vital platform for collaboration, learning and advocacy, ensuring that organisations across Belfast and beyond can participate and that the value of the voluntary and community sector is clearly demonstrated and strengthened’.
3.3	Council previously agreed to provide sponsorship of £10,000 to NICVA for their Future Thinking Summit which took place in October 2024 – a copy of this request is attached at Appendix 2.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.4	There is currently an allocation of £10,000 to support the NICVA Summit 2026 within existing City and Organisational Strategy departmental budgets.
3.5	Should Members be minded to approve the request for an additional £10,000, consideration of the source of the additional funding and potential realignment of City and Organisational Strategy budgets will be required.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.6	None.
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
4.1	Appendix 1 – NICVA Summit 2026 – case for support proposal Appendix 2 - NICVA Future Thinking Summit 2024 – SP&R Committee report



NICVA Summit 2026 Case for Support Proposal

As CEO of NICVA, I am delighted to invite you to partner with us as a supporter of the NICVA Summit 2026.

In October 2024, NICVA hosted its inaugural Future Thinking Summit, bringing together senior leaders from across Northern Ireland's voluntary, community and social enterprise sector alongside government, public sector, and civic society partners. The response was overwhelming. The Summit highlighted both the scale of the sector's contribution and the urgency of the challenges it is addressing, from health inequalities and economic inactivity to community resilience, skills, climate, and social cohesion.

The VCSE sector in Northern Ireland employs tens of thousands of people, mobilises volunteers in every community and delivers essential services that underpin inclusive economic growth and social wellbeing. It is a major delivery partner for government and a critical driver of social value. As demand for services increases and funding and policy landscapes continue to shift, strong leadership, innovation and cross-sector collaboration have never been more important.

Building on the success of 2024, the 2026 Summit will be bigger, more ambitious, and more influential. With over 400 vol/comm leaders, trustees, senior managers, and decision-makers expected to attend, the Summit will bring together those who work in every community in Northern Ireland, deliver services with and for communities and shape long-term strategy across the sector.

Funding the NICVA Summit will enable community organisations to **demonstrate their impact, access vital resources, build strategic partnerships**, and **strengthen their capacity to deliver meaningful, lasting impact across their communities**. It also provides a critical platform to demonstrate and deepen understanding of the value of the sector; without funding support, the Summit simply could not take place.

Celine McStravick

CEO NICVA

Event Overview:

We are thrilled to announce our NICVA Summit will take place in the ICC Waterfront, Belfast on the 10th of June 2026. The landmark conference for the voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) sector in Northern Ireland. Building on the success of 2024, the 2026 Summit will be bigger, and more ambitious, bringing together leaders, influencers, and changemakers to address key issues, share best practices, and drive meaningful social change.

Summit 2026 Key Outcomes:

- **Value:** demonstrate the breadth and depth of the voluntary and community sector and the significant impact it makes.
- **Inspire:** Gain insights from innovators and industry leaders who are shaping the future of the voluntary sector, as well as influencing policymakers with insights and evidence from the sector.
- **Connect:** Network with peers, build new relationships, strengthen existing ones within the community, and foster partnerships that will drive real and meaningful social change.
- **Strengthen:** Equip the VCSE with the knowledge and tools needed to advocate effectively and build a stronger, more connected sector.

Audience:

We expect to attract 400+ people including;

- **Sector Leaders:** voluntary and community organisations.
- **Policymakers:** Government officials and policymakers focused on civic issues.
- **Practitioners:** On-the-ground staff and volunteers driving change.
- **Stakeholders:** Businesses and organisations invested in community well-being.

Content:

Developed with and for the Voluntary and Community sector, the Summit will cover a wide range of emerging themes including;

- ✓ Poverty
- ✓ Environmental and Climate change
- ✓ Community development/people and place

- ✓ Health
- ✓ Children and social care
- ✓ Arts and culture
- ✓ Faith and community
- ✓ Housing and homelessness
- ✓ Economic inactivity
- ✓ Equality and Diversity
- ✓ NI Partnership Agreement

Each theme will showcase the role of the Vol/Comm sector in addressing that issue and provide a platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Funding Needs:

We are committed to making the NICVA Summit 2026 inclusive for attendees - this is crucial for maximising participation and impact. We aim to cover the majority of event costs through partnerships to keep attendance fees as low as possible. Your support will help us with:

- Venue and Logistics: Cover the costs of the venue, equipment, catering and other logistical needs.
- Speakers and Sessions: Fund travel and honoraria for key speakers and session facilitators.
- Materials and Resources: Provide attendees with high-quality materials and access to resources.

Our Ask

The NICVA Summit is not a profit-making event. We will be charging less than £80 per person for attendance to ensure accessibility across the sector; however, this means we must raise over £70,000 to cover the full costs of delivery. To enable the Summit to take place at the scale and quality required, we are seeking a contribution of £20,000 from Belfast City Council. This investment will directly support the delivery of a vital platform for collaboration, learning, and advocacy, ensuring that organisations across Belfast and beyond can participate and that the value of the voluntary and community sector is clearly demonstrated and strengthened.



Subject:	NICVA Future Thinking Summit 2024 (22 October 2024)
Date:	25 th October 2024
Reporting Officers:	John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy
Contact Officers:	Kevin Heaney, Head of Inclusive Growth and Anti-Poverty.

Is this report restricted? Yes No

Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To bring forward for Members consideration a recent request received seeking financial support for the NICVA Future Thinking Summit 2024 (22 October 2024).

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider a request received to provide financial support for the NICVA Future Thinking Summit 2024, which took place on 22 October 2024.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>As Members will be aware, Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA) is a membership and representative umbrella body for the voluntary and community sector in Northern Ireland. With over a thousand members - ranging from household name charities to grass roots community groups - NICVA lobbies and campaigns to advance the interests of the people and communities that their members support. NICVA offers a wide range of practical services, products and support to their members to help them find innovative solutions for social challenges.</p>
3.2	<p>NICVA's strategic goals are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support - Helping the VCS to innovate, develop and improve to meet the needs of the communities it serves; 2. Influence - Helping the VCS to influence policy; 3. Develop - Helping the VCS consolidate and develop the use of data, digital and technology; and 4. Invest - Ensuring continuous improvement to provide the best service to our members.
3.3	<p>Officers have received a request for Council to provide financial support for the NICVA Future Thinking Summit 2024, which was held on 22 October 2024 in W5 and W5 Life, Belfast. Unfortunately, due to the timing of this request, it was not possible to bring the request to SP and R Committee ahead of the NICVA Summit taking place.</p>
3.4	<p>The Future Thinking Summit was modelled after the successful Scottish Gathering and the renowned annual Wheel Conference. The summit was designed to bring together leaders, influencers, and changemakers to address key issues, share best practices, and drive meaningful social change.</p>
3.5	<p>The Key Outcomes from the Summit were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value : demonstrate the breadth and depth of the voluntary and community sector and the significant impact it makes. • Inspire: Gain insights from innovators and industry leaders who are shaping the future of the voluntary sector, as well as influencing policymakers with insights and evidence from the sector.

- **Connect:** Network with peers, build new relationships, strengthen existing ones within the community, and foster partnerships that will drive real and meaningful social change.
- **Strengthen:** Equip the VCSE with the knowledge and tools needed to advocate effectively and build a stronger, more connected sector.

3.6 The Summit was developed with and for the Voluntary and Community sector, covering themes including digital transformation, green economy, mental health, poverty, place-based collaboration. The summit used a variety of formats including:

- **Keynote Sessions:** Inspiring talks from leading influencers and policymakers.
- **Parallel Sessions:** Member-led discussions showcasing best practices and innovative approaches.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Facilitated sessions for building meaningful connections.
- **Resource Hub:** Access to vital information and learning materials.

3.7 To ensure this event was accessible to all, NICVA made the Summit free for attendees, including;

- **Sector Leaders:** voluntary and community organisations.
- **Policymakers:** Government officials and policymakers focused on civic issues.
- **Practitioners:** On-the-ground staff and volunteers driving change.
- **Stakeholders:** Businesses and organisations invested in community well-being.

3.8 Further details on the summit can be found at: [NICVA Summit 2024 Programme — NICVA Summit](#).

Request for Financial Support

3.9 NICVA has requested that Elected Members consider how this summit provided opportunities for capacity building, connections and confidence within the sector and is asked to consider providing financial support the following aspects of the summit:

- **Venue and Logistics:** Contribute to costs of the venue, equipment, and other logistics.
- **Speakers and Sessions:** Contribute towards the cost of travel and honoraria for key speakers and session facilitators.
- **Materials and Resources:** Contribute towards providing attendees with high-quality materials and access to resources.

3.10	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>It is proposed that this request is supported via £10,000 from the in-year City and Organisational Strategy budget, which is in line with level of support provided to similar events in the recent past. There are no additional finance or resource implications contained within this report.</p>
3.11	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations implications associated with this report.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Appendices – Documents Attached</u></p>
	<p>None</p>



Subject:	Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting on 9 th March 2026
Date:	24 th April 2026
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Godfrey McCartney, Good Relations Manager (6015)

Restricted Reports									
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To report to committee on the key issues discussed at the Shared City Partnership meeting held on the 13 th April 2026.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	That the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approve the minutes and recommendations from the Shared City Partnership Meeting held on the 13 th April, including:
2.2	<p><u>Revised Schedule of Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership agreed to change its monthly scheduled meetings from Mondays to Wednesdays from May 2026 and recommends that Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note and agree this change.
2.3	<p><u>Members Update – NIHE Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared City Partnership recommends that members note the presentation.
2.4	<p><u>Good Relations Quarter 4 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.5	<p><u>Community Recovery Fund Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee notes the contents of the report and agrees the proposed approach.
2.6	<p><u>PEACEPLUS – Local Community Action Plan Secretariat Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.7	<p><u>Peace Plus Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.8	<p><u>Peace Plus Celebrating Culture and Diversity Thematic Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.9	<p><u>Community Regeneration & Transformation Thematic Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.10	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership welcomed Denis Long and Finvola McIntyre to the team and wished Emma Kennedy all the best on her maternity leave.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u> The Shared City Partnership is a Working Group of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which consists of Elected members and representatives from various sectors across the city. The minutes from the Partnership are brought before the Committee for approval on a monthly basis.</p>
3.2	The key issues on the agenda at the 13 th April 2026 meeting were:

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership Papers of the 9th March 2026 • Revised Schedule of Meetings • Members Update – NIHE Presentation • Good Relations Quarter 4 Update • Community Recovery Fund Update • PEACEPLUS – Local Community Action Plan Secretariat Update • Peace Plus Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update • Peace Plus Celebrating Culture and Diversity Thematic Update • Community Regeneration & Transformation Thematic Update • Any Other Business <p>More details regarding the above issues and recommendations are included in the following minutes of the meeting attached in Appendix 1: Minutes of the Shared City Partnership from the 13th April 2026, Appendix 2 NIHE – Housing for All Presentation and Appendix 3 Quarter 4 Good Relations Action Plan Delivery Summary.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> All financial implications are covered through existing budgets, and the Good Relations Action Plan is included in the current estimates process.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> The recommendations of the Partnership are to promote the work of the Council in promoting good relations and will enhance equality and good relations impacts for the City of Belfast.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Minutes of the Shared City Partnership from the 9th March 2026 Appendix 2 – NIHE – Housing for All Presentation Appendix 3 – Quarter 4 Good Relations Action Plan Delivery Summary</p>

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SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Monday 13th April, 2026

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Members present: Councillor J. Duffy (Chairperson); and
Alderman Copeland, Councillors Abernethy, I. McLaughlin and D
Lyons.

External Members: Ms. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Ms. N. Creagh, Department for Communities;
Ms. L. Euler, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust;
Mr. L. Gunn, Northern Ireland Housing Executive;
Rev. G. Kennedy, Faith Sector;
Ms. T. Mimna, Executive Office;
Ms. I. Sherry, Community and Voluntary Sector; and
Ms. A. M. White, British Red Cross.

In attendance: Mr. J. Girvan, Director of City and Neighbourhood Services;
Mr. G. McCartney, Good Relations Manager
Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE Programme Manager;
Ms. L. Dolan, Acting Senior Good Relations Officer;
Mr. D. Robinson, Acting Senior Good Relations Officer;
Ms. D. Long, Good Relations Officer;
Ms. N. Lynch, Good Relations Officer;
Ms. E. Kennedy, Project Officer (Good Relations);
Ms. F. McIntyre, Project Officer (Good Relations);
Ms. G. Mullin, Northern Ireland Housing Executive;
Mr. A. McMullan, Members' Services and Digital Support Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillor B. Smyth and Independent Members Mr. J. Donnelly, Supt. A. Hagan and Ms. A. Roberts.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 9th March were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 20th March.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Duffy and Ms. Arthurs also declared an interest under item 4, Community Recovery Fund, in that they were associated with those organisations delivering projects under the PEACEPLUS Programme.

Councillor Duffy also declared an interest under item 5, PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan Secretariat Update, in that he was associated with those organisations delivering projects under the PEACEPLUS Programme.

Councillors Duffy and Abernethy and Ms. Arthurs and Ms. Sherry declared an interest under item 5a, Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update, in that they were associated with those organisations delivering projects under the PEACEPLUS Programme.

Revised Schedule of Meetings

The Partnership agreed that its meetings would be held at 1:30pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 6th May;
Wednesday 3rd June;
Wednesday 5th August;
Wednesday 2nd September;
Wednesday 7th October;
Wednesday 4th November; and
Wednesday 9th December.

Members Update

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Ms. Mullin provided the Partnership with an overview of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive's Housing For All Shared Housing Programme.

Following discussion Ms. Mullin informed the Partnership that the Housing Executive was undertaking research on data supplied from Department for Infrastructure archives to develop their delivery of the programme and to and improve measurability of its outcomes and impacts.

Mr Gunn confirmed that the Housing Executive was reviewing its housing allocations systems which would include looking at intimidation points and the banding system. He undertook to provide an update on Primary Social Needs to a future meeting of the Partnership.

The Partnership thanked Ms. Mullin for her presentation.

Noted.

Good Relations Q4 Update

Mr. Robinson provided the Partnership with an update on the delivery of the Council's Good Relations Action Plan during the 2025-2026 Quarter 4 period.

He reminded Members that The Executive Office awarded the Council £180,000, in addition to the £12,700 awarded in December 2025, which would be used to offset the Council's costs in delivering the Beacons programme as well as contributing to salary and administrative costs associated with the delivery of the Good Relations Programme.

These new awards, added to the original £600,000 and previous additional awards of £20,000 and £27,000, brought the total value of the Good Relations Action Plan to £839,700. While the initial £600,000 was awarded at 75% and matched with 25%

by the Council, all of the additional in-year awards are 100% funded by The Executive Office.

The following summary progress update on activity and allocations was presented to the Partnership:

Code	Project Summary	Budget	Progress in Quarter 4	Total allocated
BCC1	Good Relations Small Grants Programme.	£160,000	Projects awarded funding in Q1 continuing	£0
BCC2	St Patrick's Day Civic Events programme	£20,000	Activity delivered in March 2026	£0
BCC3	Positive Cultural Expression Programme	£40,000	All activity delivered in Q2.	£0
BCC4	Civic Engagement and Learning Programme	£20,000	March Migrant Forum meeting plus staff training initiatives.	£3,504
BCC5	Minority Ethnic Equality and Inclusion Programme	£70,000	Contribution to IWD event	£700
BCC6	Interface Engagement programme	£70,000	IWD interface project	£3,950
BCC7	Shared Education Schools Programme	£20,000	Activities being delivered in Q4	£0
BCC 8	Strategic Connections and Support Programme	£48,862.20	2 initiatives supported	£0
	TOTAL	£448,862.20		£8,154

Mr. Robinson highlighted that delivery of the Action Plan during this period had been achieved with some underspend resulting from two projects not proceeding. He confirmed that the Council would request that this and any further underspend be reallocated into the programme's core administration costs.

Community Recovery Fund

Ms. Kennedy provided the Partnership with an update on the Community Recovery Fund which was introduced to support those areas of the city impacted by the public disorder in the summer of 2024.

She reported that the Council continued to oversee 21 active projects, with four having completed delivery and entered the monitoring, evaluation and vouching phases. It was anticipated that 18 of these projects would be completed within the original delivery timeframe of September 2026, with the remaining three having requested a further extension until the same date of September 2026.

She further reported that a further two organisations had requested additional funding to extend their projects until September 2026 and the Council was awaiting their formal proposals. It was recommended that SCP agree the programme and approach detailed in the report for these programmes.

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

PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan Secretariat Update

The Partnership considered the following report:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Shared City Partnership members with an update on the mobilisation of PEACEPLUS Belfast Local Community Action Plan (LCAP).

2.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to note the contents of the report and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Mobilisation Contract Awards and Procurement

The Secretariat continue to support the mobilisation of the Action Plan through procurements and stakeholder engagement for the Community Regeneration and Transformation theme.

The monitoring of implementation and results across the Thriving and Peaceful Communities and Celebrating Culture and Diversity theme is ongoing, as outlined in each of the Thematic Reports.

3.2 Financial Controller

The verification control work of PEACEPLUS expenditure reports by KPMG is ongoing. Responses to clarifications for Claim Periods (P) 1-5 have been completed, with all expenditure deemed eligible.

Officers will liaise with SEUPB and KPMG on extending the 5 day response timeframe for clarifications, where necessary.

3.3 Claims and Reporting

As reported in March 2026, the total expenditure across the PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, up to Period 8 (31

Dec 25) is £1.8m approximately, with the value of claims submitted to SEUPB at £1.77m approximately.

As referred at 3.2 above expenditure for Period 1-5 has been fully verified. Reimbursement of the £488K has progressed. The exchange rate fluctuation associated with the reimbursement will be reported to members in April 2026.

Verification control work of Period 6 expenditure (£386.5K) is currently underway.

Members are advised that SEUPB requested that all retrospective reports and claims up to Period 8 (Oct-Dec 25) are submitted on the JeMS system by 31 March 2026, which has been achieved. The change in the submission timeframe added to work pressures across the team.

3.4 Forecasting and Expenditure Targets

As reported in March 2026, the Programme Board advised that formal correspondence should be issued to SEUPB regarding the assumptions relating to the achievement of the Expenditure Performance Targets, which is currently being progressed.

Members are requested to note that further correspondence has been received from SEUPB detailing Council's Spend Targets and requesting Council's acceptance of the targets.

It should be noted that the expenditure forecasts submitted in December 2025 will unfortunately not be achieved due the level of project performance, longer procurement and contract award processes, outstanding invoices as well as resourcing pressures.

Revised forecasting submitted to SEUPB for March 2026, highlighted a shortfall against the December 2025 forecasts of approx. £477K for Period 9 (January-March 2026), £200K for Period 10 (April-June 2026), and additional spend for Period 11 (July-September 2026), of £37K and Period 12 (October-December 2026) of £360K. The revised forecasts were submitted SEUPB by 31 March 2026.

The Partnership is requested to note that the Programme Board recommended that the Acceptance of the Spend Target Memo is signed by the Chief Executive subject to the assumptions the forecasts are based on.

3.5 Monitoring and Evaluation

Delivery of project activity and progress towards the achievement of participant targets is progressing, as outlined in the Thematic Reports.

Updated monitoring data from delivery partners is currently being finalised, as such an updated Dashboard reflecting deliverables and results to 31 March 2026 (Period 9) will be presented at the next Partnership meeting.

Monitoring system issues are continuing, and weekly troubleshooting meetings are held to address urgent project issues.

Staffing

The Partnership is reminded of the resource pressures within the PEACEPLUS team due to 4 vacancies and maternity leave.

A new Project Manager has been appointed and commenced on 30 March 2026.

The recruitment exercise for the business-critical Monitoring and Data Analyst resulted in no appointment and has been readvertised. Appointment of the Finance and Claims Support Assistant was also unsuccessful.

Recruitment for a new Project Support Officer, who has moved internally, is also being progressed.

The Partnership will be updated of the outcome of recruitment efforts for all roles in due course.

3.7 Financial and Resource Implications

All expenditure associated with the PEACEPLUS Action Plan is reimbursed by SEUPB and is eligible from 1 January 2024. As referenced at 3.5 above, PEACEPLUS claimable expenditure to 31 December 2025 is approx. £1.771m.

3.8 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

The PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan has been screened for equality, good relations, and rural needs assessment, and has been screened out.

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

Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update

The Partnership considered the following report:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Shared City Partnership with a progress update on projects within the Thriving and Peaceful Communities (TPC) Theme of the PEACEPLUS Belfast Local Community Action Plan (LCAP).

2.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to note the contents of the report and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Project Delivery

An overview of project progress within the TPC theme is outlined below.

TPC 1 Community Empowerment – Lead Delivery Partner NICVA

Project Partners: Forward South Partnership (FSP), East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA), West Belfast Partnership Board (WBPB), Falls Community Council (FCC), Greater Shankill Partnership (GSP) and Marrowbone Community Association (MCA).

181 participants are actively participating in the project and 94 have completed activity from an overall target of 1000.

Delivery of the Cohort 1 L2 OCN in Community Development (17 participants) has been completed and participants have received accreditation from OCN, with varying levels of contact hours achieved. The SCP is requested to note that the Programme Board agreed to delegate authority for the Good Relations Manager and the Programmes Manager to review and authorise the level of contact hours achieved for this cohort, ensuring achievement of the minimum contact hours and in line with the previously agreed tolerances.

Cohort 2 (21 participants) is continuing to engage in the L2 OCN in Community Development.

A second Citywide networking event took place during February with 75 people attending. The citywide Capacity Building Forum also convened and considered feedback from the networking event and upcoming non-accredited training.

Baselining is now completed for Local Community Empowerment Programme (LCEP) 01 (Court), with baseline reports to be submitted to Council. Delivery of sessions are continuing for LCEPs 02 (Blackmountain), 08 (Balmoral/Botanic), and 09 (Lisnasharragh/Ormiston/ Titanic), to brainstorm and refine action plans including social action project proposals.

Upcoming activity includes a further Citywide Capacity Building Forum, East/West Best Practice Visit to Connswater Greenway and City Cemetery, and Non accredited training – Developing Cases for Support and Funding Applications.

Officers are continuing to liaise with NICVA on the M&E requirements to ensure data integrity and to update mechanisms for easier reporting across NICVA's CRM system and the PEACEPLUS M&E system.

3.3 TPC 2 Health & Wellbeing - Lead Delivery Partner Ashton

Project Partners: Shankill Partnership Board, East Belfast Community Development Agency, West Belfast Partnership Board, & North Belfast Community Partnership.

Delivery has commenced in January for both the Men and Women's cohorts, and a Men's Health Fair was held in January in East Belfast. Project meetings are ongoing within the localities, and the first Citywide Shared Learning Group meeting took place on 19th January. Citywide mapping of services activity is ongoing.

Final approval of the change request to reduce participants numbers in the Programme Oversight Group (POG) and increase participation in the wider programme has been finalised, which enabled release of the Phase 1 Contract Initiation payment.

A total of 215 participants is registered to Men's Cohorts within the February reporting period across East Belfast (50), West Belfast (25), North Belfast (55) and the Greater Shankill (80). It was also reported that participants have achieved the required contact hours

within the Women's Cohort (38) and Men's cohort (55) in North Belfast, and 90 wider participants attended a Men's Health Fair on 28 January 2026 in East Belfast.

On this basis the level of reported achievement is 465 participants registered and 233 completed. Members should note that M&E data is to be uploaded and verified

The Partnership is also requested to note that a request to extend the Areas of Interest and Influence is currently being finalised, and which will required SEUPB approval. Officers are currently liaising with Ashton to finalise the detail and enable flexibility of delivery in line with the current processes.

3.4 TPC 3 Youth Empowerment, Inspiring Future Belfast

Lot 1: 9–12 year olds (Juniors) - Lead Delivery Partner Giga Training
Project Partner BEAM Creative Network.

The delivery partner is continuing to plan for delivery of Year 2 activity via schools in West and Shankill Areas, with 6 school partnerships, a community programme and 2 Digital and 2 Arts Academies.

Delivery of activity will progress in April – June 2026, which is line with the agreed implementation plan.

3.5 Lot 2: 12–15 year olds (Intermediate) - Lead Delivery Partner Active Communities Network (ACN) Project Partners: Ledley Hall Boys & Girls Club, Lagmore and Rosario Youth.

Delivery of activity including cross border study visits and residentials for Cohort 2 (100 participants) is being finalising. One cross community group was unable to attend the residential activity due to an unforeseen issue; therefore, a further residential is being planned.

M&E data for the completed participants indicates that 97 young people will complete the required activity and contract hours.

As reported in March 2026, the delivery partner had experienced challenges in the delivery of residential activity with the schools' groups. Members are requested to note that following discussion with SEUPB, it was agreed that 2 cross border day trips could replace the residential in this instance. The two trips are being delivered during March 2026.

Planning for the recruitment of the next participant cohort (73) is underway and will progress further after Easter (April 2026).

The Partnership should also note that the Delivery Partner continues to highlight issues associated with delivering residential activity including the availability of venues, accommodation and transport costs as well as safeguarding issues. On this basis the Delivery Partner is considering a change request.

3.6 Lot 3: 16–18 year olds (Seniors) - Lead Delivery Partner Streetbeat Youth Project
Project Partner YEHA (Youth Educational Health Advice).

Delivery of Year 2 / Cohort 2 leadership sessions are progressing engaging 70 young people across 5 groups. An outdoor adventure day bringing all the groups today is planned for 2 April 2026. M&E data for Cohort 2 is currently being confirmed.

Members should note that following completion of Cohort 1 activity, 9 young people have progressed on to volunteering activity, additional to the project requirements, which clearly outlines the positive impact the project has had on their confidence, self-esteem and personal development.

3.7 Lot 4: 19-25 years olds (Young adults) – Lead Partner GEMS NI
Project Partners: Diverse Youth NI (DYNI), Training Network for Women (TWN).

A residential debrief and employability sessions for Cohort 1 participants (26) are scheduled for March / April 2026.

Following the international residential to the Centre for Peacebuilding in Sarajevo, some participants are exploring an internship with the Centre. A reflection and celebration event for the participants is being progressed for 16 April 2026.

As reported in March 2026, the issue of travel documentation checks is being progressed by the DP with the Aviation Authority to ensure the safeguarding of participants.

Recruitment planning of 40 participants for Cohort 2 is underway, and it is envisaged activity will commence in April/May 2026, with an international residential to the Basque region in September/October 2026.

3.8 TPC 4 Sport for Peace - Lead Delivery Partner Active Communities Network

Project Partners: Sport Changes Life Foundation, PeacePlayers NI and Community Sports Network.

Delivery of activity with Cohort 2 participants across the pillars is progressing.

31 Participants from St Mary's and Ulster University continue to engage in Pillar 1 coach education (16–18-year-olds). Members are requested to note that the shortfall of 14 participants of the 45 target will be made up by September 2026. The Delivery Partner is also considering requesting a realignment of targets and payments.

The delivery of Pillar 2 cross community sports sessions (11-16-year-olds) with 300 participants (Cohort 2) is ongoing.

Recruitment of participants for Cohort 3 community groups is underway, with imminent registration from St Malachys and Albert Foundry group.

Delivery of Pillar 3 mentoring element for Cohort 2 is underway with 4 participants actively engaged.

The Terms of Reference for the Pillar4 research has been provided and is being reviewed by officers.

3.9 TPC 5 Employability Language Up – Lead Delivery Partner People1st

Project Partners: Belfast City Mission, Conway Education, Donegall Pass, Fane Street Primary, Food Stock, Footprints, Holy Rosary Primary, Mears, Refuge Language, Russian Speaking Community, Street Soccer NI, The Suitcase Project, Wee Chicks, Windsor Women's Centre.

During the reporting period, 1 cohort has completed Strand 1 vocational language activity and 2 new cohorts focussing on Hospitality and Catering & Construction have commenced.

To date 339 participants have been recruited onto the project, which exceeds the current recruitment target and a total of 75 participants (cumulative) have achieved the meaningful contact hours required across both strands. This represents 41% progress towards the phased target of 184 participants (March 2026). Members should note it is likely there will be a delay in the DP achieving the target.

Engagement is city-wide, with particularly strong participation in South Belfast, and post attitudinal survey responses range from 83% - 100% across all 9 questions.

3.10 TPC 6 Arts Across the Genres – Delivery Partner MayWe

Project Partners: BEAM Creative Network

Project activity is progressing with 235 participants actively participating in 3 sub projects (1, 2 and 5) from a total target of 496.

Project 1: Polyphonic (133 actively participating) Target 120

Joint art sessions across area groups are continuing and the Echoes and Embers showcase events took place on 22 and 28 March 2026. The social action digital art project was integrated into live performances and will also be adapted for use across social media and digital platforms to extend Echoes & Embers' reach and impact beyond the live events. All deliverables (capacity building, joint art sessions, site visits, mentoring, artwork development, social action and showcases) are being finalised.

Project 2: Suitcases & Skies (84 actively participating) Target 120

Area recruitment for South Belfast groups has been completed with Sona and ETC Morton Community Centre (NIHSC Trust)) engaged. Joint art sessions will continue until the final rehearsals at end of April 2026, and showcases are scheduled for mid-May at Chultúrlann and the Ulster Hall. The site visit took place at the Ulster Hall which enabled participants to get familiarised with the main theatre, backstage areas, green/dressing rooms and mobile accessibility needs. An art masterclass centring on the role of arts and crafts in set design followed.

Additional training for auxiliary roles such as tech, sound, lighting and stage management, has been offered, to build confidence and address the needs of participants. The DP has offered substantially more engagement hours (50) than the minimum hours to participants (36).

Members are requested to note that the 4 short site visits have been combined into a site visit and art masterclass. This revised delivery approach has enabled engagement and been more manageable with the groups with additional needs. This combined approach is under consideration for future cohorts.

Project 5: Media Production (21 participants recruited, 18 actively participating) Target 16

Participants continue to attend activity being delivered through subprojects 1 & 2 to capture footage and content for the newsletter, socials and documentary. Participants have been reviewing documentary footage to look closer at plotlines and storyboarding as the final performances approach.

4.1 Financial and Resource Implications

All expenditure associated with the PEACEPLUS Action Plan is eligible from 1 January 2024.

4.2 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

The PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan has been screened for equality, good relations and rural needs assessment, and has been screened out.

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

Celebrating Cultures and Diversity Thematic Update

The Partnership considered the following report:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Shared City Partnership with a progress update on projects within the Celebrating Cultures and Diversity (CCD) Theme of the PEACEPLUS Belfast Local Community Action Plan (LCAP).

2.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to note the contents of the report and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Project Delivery

Projects are at various stages of implementation, and an overview of project progress is outlined below.

3.2 CCD1 – Interfaith and Belief Lead Delivery Partner: Corrymeela Community

Consortium Partners: Redeeming Our Communities, Belfast Islamic Centre, NI Inter-Faith Forum

Participant engagement has increased slightly to 58 participants registered, across the 3 Streams of activity. The Delivery Partner continues to engage a range of groups across the city.

Pilot sessions of the Stream 1: Outreach Education resources took place on 7 March 2026. The education resources continue to be refined after the session. 2 interfaith walks/café events took place on 26 and 29 March 2026, a further walking tour is being planned for May 2026. It is envisaged attendees of these events will be recruited to the wider project. Engagement with schools on awareness sessions continues to be planned.

Stream 2: Unity and Welcoming Programme: Mapping of the welcome, care and social action work provided by faith and belief groups is progressing via an online survey, although responses have been limited. Further supplementary research to support the survey is progressing.

Stream 3: Co design sessions on celebrating faith and belief festivals are continuing. A festival event focussing on the fasting and feasting beliefs of the Muslim, Christian, Navratri and Ba’Hai faith took place in March 2026, and was well attended. An outline schedule of faith festivals for 2026 is currently being finalised. The Partnership will be updated in due course.

As reported in March 2026, the project remains behind schedule, and a plan for the delivery of the sessions has been requested.

3.3 CCD2 – Community Connections Lead Delivery Partner (DP): GEMS NI

Consortium Partners: Business in the Community, Belfast City of Sanctuary, Diverse Youth NI, Migrant Centre NI, Ballynafeigh Community Development Association

A further 19 new participants have engaged with the project, and 2 participants reached the required contact hours to be deemed achieved. A total of 65 participants is registered with 40 participants actively participating and 7 have completed the required hours.

To date 33% of the Phase 2a target of 121 participants registered and actively participating has been met.

The Delivery Partner continues to experience recruitment challenges which is impacting upon the delivery of project targets. The complexity of the project, high contact hours (50) and format of Welcome Hubs was acknowledged,

Members are requested to note that progress and performance have been highlighted to the DP, and the project has been flagged in the quarterly risk register as “red” status.

The DP is to provide:

- (i) a realigned implementation plan outlining all key deliverables,
- (ii) an outline of key issues experienced to date, ongoing issues and mitigations being put in place to ensure realigned targets will be met.

The information will be considered by officers and reported further to the Partnership.

3.4 CCD 3 – LGBTQIA+ Community Engagement Project - Lead Delivery Partner: The Rainbow Project Project Partners: Cara Friend, HERe NI

The Partnership is advised that a change request to expand the membership of Strands 1 and 2 to include minority LGBTQIA+ groups. was approved via the Delegated Authority.

Following receipt of outstanding information, a second change request to realign targets and timescales has been received and the change request is under consideration for approval via the same Delegated Authority process. There are currently 25 active participants and 50 achieved participants, which is in line with the realigned targets.

The Co-ordination and Strategic Planning strands of the project have been the main areas of delivery to date, and the Research strand has commenced during March 2026. The Outreach strand is due to commence by the end of April 2026, which will see an increase in registered and achieved participants.

The DP has met the required deliverables to enable the outstanding Phase 2a payment and the Quarter 4 2025 Management and Administration (M&A) payment to progress. It is anticipated that project requirement and payments will be up to date by April 2026.

3.5 CCD4 – Community Empowerment Ex Politically Motivated Prisoners

**Lead Delivery Partner: Coiste na nIarchimí Project
Partners: Tar Anall, Action for Community Transformation,
Charter NI, and Tar Isteach**

The project launched via a photo opportunity, attended by the Chair of the Partnership, and press release on 5 March 2026.

Community engagement is progressing, with 61 registrations across the Hens Shed, Support Engagement, Storytelling, Counselling, Advice and Welfare training elements. Storytelling narratives are currently being compiled and estimated to be completed by June 2026.

Following confirmation from SEUPB on aspects of delivery, course options for the counselling training are being confirmed.

CCD5 From Multiculturalism to Interculturalism

3.6 Lot 1 – Language and Cultural Access

The assessment process has now concluded and contracting will be progressing to the Contract Award stage.

3.7 Lot 2 – Cultural Spaces (Come On Over) Lead Delivery Partner: MayWe

11 participants are actively participating in the Steering Group, with the first strands of activity designed by the steering group includes capacity building for cultural venues and for grassroots groups scheduled for delivery at the end of March 2026.

Four additional venues are in discussions with MayWe about joining the project and communications have also progressed with a dedicated socials channel established to publicise the project.

3.8 Lot 3 – Festivals and Flagship Events Lead Delivery Partner: Féile an Phobail

42 participants are actively participating in the Mentors/Mentees, Flagship Events Steering Group and Musical Fusions Steering Group elements of the project.

A Musical Fusions steering group focussing on preparatory planning for delivery of the programme in 2027 met in February. Mentoring sessions, scheduled for March/April, will focus on leadership and communications.

Confirmation of the co-designed social action animation activity and clarity regarding the content, PEACEPLUS element, contribution and participant engagement of the first Flagship Event in March 2026 is being progressed

The Flagship Events Capacity Building OCN delivery commenced mid-March 2026. As reported in March 2026, further information on regarding the proposed Festival and Flagships events is being sought, in advance of the next flagship event social action animation activity planned for May 2026 (May Day Festival).

**3.9 Lot 4 – Culture and Shared Built Heritage - Lead Delivery
Partner: Arts Ekta
Project Partners: Cairde na Cille, Kabosh Theatre**

Year 1 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) has been fully verified. Of a target of 625, 408 participants were confirmed to be actively participating while 362 participants completed. Payments for Oct-Dec 2025 quarterly management fee and phase 2b payment have been progressed. The project is comfortably exceeding targets for the phase of delivery.

Cohort 2 of Tour Guide Training commenced their course in February, and workshops have commenced for the Eastside Arts cohort for the 2nd theatre piece. This was showcased in March. Other activity in March included the Faith based trail schools' engagement and co-design work and planning for the third theatre piece in the city centre (Paperclips).

Members are requested to note that participants (20) from Lagan College engaged in the Faith Based Trail are considered as outside of the Belfast Area due to the safeguarding of participants under 18. This number of participants from outside the Belfast area is to the 10% threshold and will be closely monitored by officers.

4.1 Financial and Resource Implications

All expenditure associated with the PEACEPLUS Action Plan is eligible from 1 January 2024.

**4.2 Equality or Good Relations Implications/
Rural Needs Assessment**

The PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan has been screened for equality, good relations and rural needs assessment, and has been screened out.

A member highlighted that the change in approach for Good Relations funding from The Executive Office was impacting the Community and Voluntary Sector in delivering projects.

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

Community Regeneration and Transformation Thematic Update

The Partnership considered the following report:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Shared City Partnership with an update on delivery of the Community Regeneration and Transformation Theme of the PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan (LCAP).

2.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to note the contents of the report and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Capital and Animation Update

As previously reported, the design teams for all projects have been appointed.

3.2 CRT1: LGBTQIA+ Hub:

The layout and concept designs have been finalised between the design team and the stakeholders. The detailed design phase has now commenced, and that will include progressing through statutory approvals. Planning application is being finalised and submission is imminent.

The groups have now agreed their legal status as a company limited by guarantee and are seeking final approval from their Boards with the intention to establish the company by end March 2026. Early concerns regarding rent affordability these are being worked through with senior staff from Property and Project's Estates Unit.

3.3 CRT2: Annadale:

The project is progressing well, with only a minor delay to the submission of the planning application, it is

anticipated that the application will be submitted by April 2026. Subject to the outcome and duration of the planning process, the capital works are expected to be completed by June 2027.

A project update was provided to the Annadale Stakeholder Steering Group on 25 February 2026. Representatives from the Stakeholder Steering group were invited to the upcoming Event Management Training and were asked to suggest suitable contractors for the initial Annadale Open Space programming work, as part of the project scoping..

Discussions on coordinating further work on site designs and operational use and management of the site took place as part of the Annadale Internal Steering Group on 12 March 2026. The final drawings and site designs are to be shared with the Stakeholder Group.

Officers agreed to align timeline for the Community Events specification with Council's events schedule. Quotation documents for environmental activities, play sessions, detached youth work and the events programme are being finalised, with release expected in April 2026.

Officers continue outreach for participants for the Event Management Training scheduled for late March 2026.

3.4 CRT3: Distillery Street:

An in-person community consultation, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, on the project designs took place in Nubia Street on 2 March 2026. Issues arising from this consultation has been escalated. Further meetings and discussions are being progressed.

Members are requested to note that the issue of the animation tender may be delayed ensuring alignment with the community consultation, finalised designs and the planning application.

3.5 CRT4: Access to the Hills:

Land ownership, the abandonment process for land at Wolfhill Road, and the submission of 3 planning applications for the project were discussed at the Stakeholder Steering Group meeting on 12 March 2026.

Project design is now at RIBA Stage 3. Land ownership agreements, the construction environmental management plan and archaeological surveys are

ongoing which will inform the final designs and enable planning permission to be submitted.

The procurement for animation activity closed on 27 February 2026, and the assessment process is currently ongoing. It is anticipated that the contract will be in place in April 2026.

3.6 CRT5: Sanctuary Theatre

The capital element has progressed to RIBA stage 3 and PQQ documents for the construction contractor are due to be finalised by the end of March 2026.

Submission of the planning application for the signage is also being finalised and submission is imminent. It should be noted that planning will not impact any construction works.

It is estimated that the construction ITT will be issued by end of April 2026.

Members are advised that the contract for delivery of the animation activity has been awarded to the Bright Umbrella Drama Company, and the contract initiation meeting is scheduled for 26th March.

3.7 Governance update

The Programme Manager and Programme Delivery Manager continue to liaise on project progress. Dates for the next Capital Project Board meeting are being finalised, and a request to SEUPB to nominate a representative to the Board is being progressed.

3.8 Financial and Resource Implications

All expenditure associated with the PEACEPLUS Action Plan is eligible from 1 January 2024.

3.9 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

The PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan has been screened for equality, good relations and rural needs assessment, and has been screened out.

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

Any Other Business

The Good Relations Manager introduced Ms. Long and Ms. McIntyre, who had recently joined the Good Relations Unit, to the meeting.

He also informed the Partnership that this would be Ms. Kennedy's last meeting before taking maternity leave and the Members wished her well.

Date of Next Meeting

The Chairperson reminded the Partnership that the next meeting would be held at 1:30pm on Wednesday 6th May

Chairperson

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**Housing
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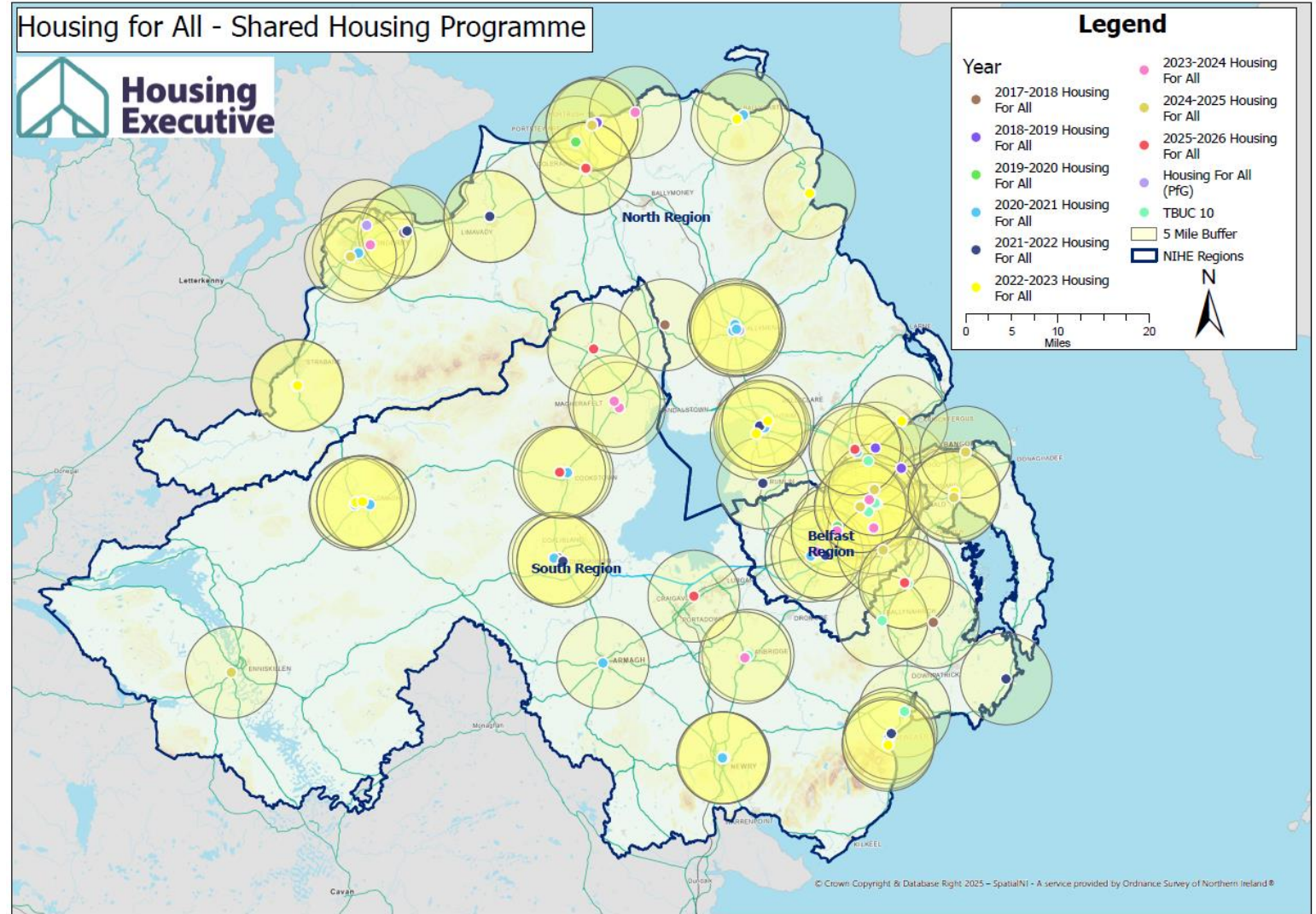
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Housing for All **Shared Housing Programme**

Grainne Mullin
Head of Housing for All
13th April 2026

‘Housing for All’ Overview

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- 11 Housing Associations
- 91 Developments
- 55 complete & shared
- 3,174 households & beyond
- 41 local Advisory Groups (23 Merged as located close to others).

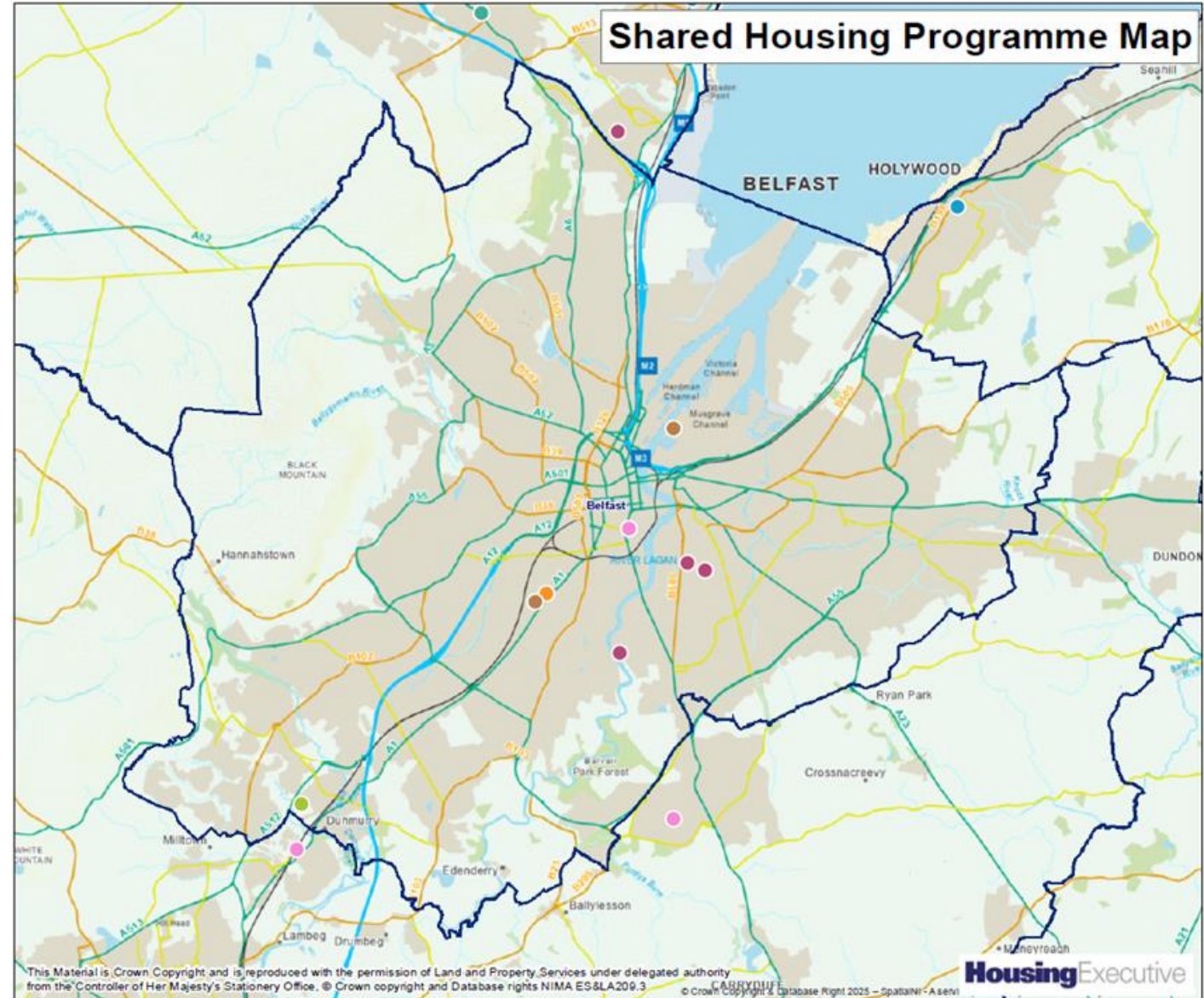


'Housing for All' Belfast

- 8 Developments
- 5 Housing Associations
- 6 complete & shared
- 2 in development
- 450 households & beyond
- 3 local Advisory Groups

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	Contract Name	Units
Apex	Ravenhill Road, Belfast	67
Clanmil	Embankment, Belfast	55
Radius	Ravenhill Avenue, Belfast	86
Apex	Areema Drive, Dunmurry	22
Ark	Malone Mews, Belfast	14
Radius	Gasworks, Belfast	94
Clanmil	Loftlines, Titanic, Belfast	81
Woven	Lorne Street, Belfast	31



5 Year Good Relations Plans

Longevity of programmes and opportunities provided by sustained investment over a period of time.

- **Promotion**
- **Engagement**
- **Bonding**
- **Bridging**
- **Learning**
- **Sustainability**



Local Advisory Groups

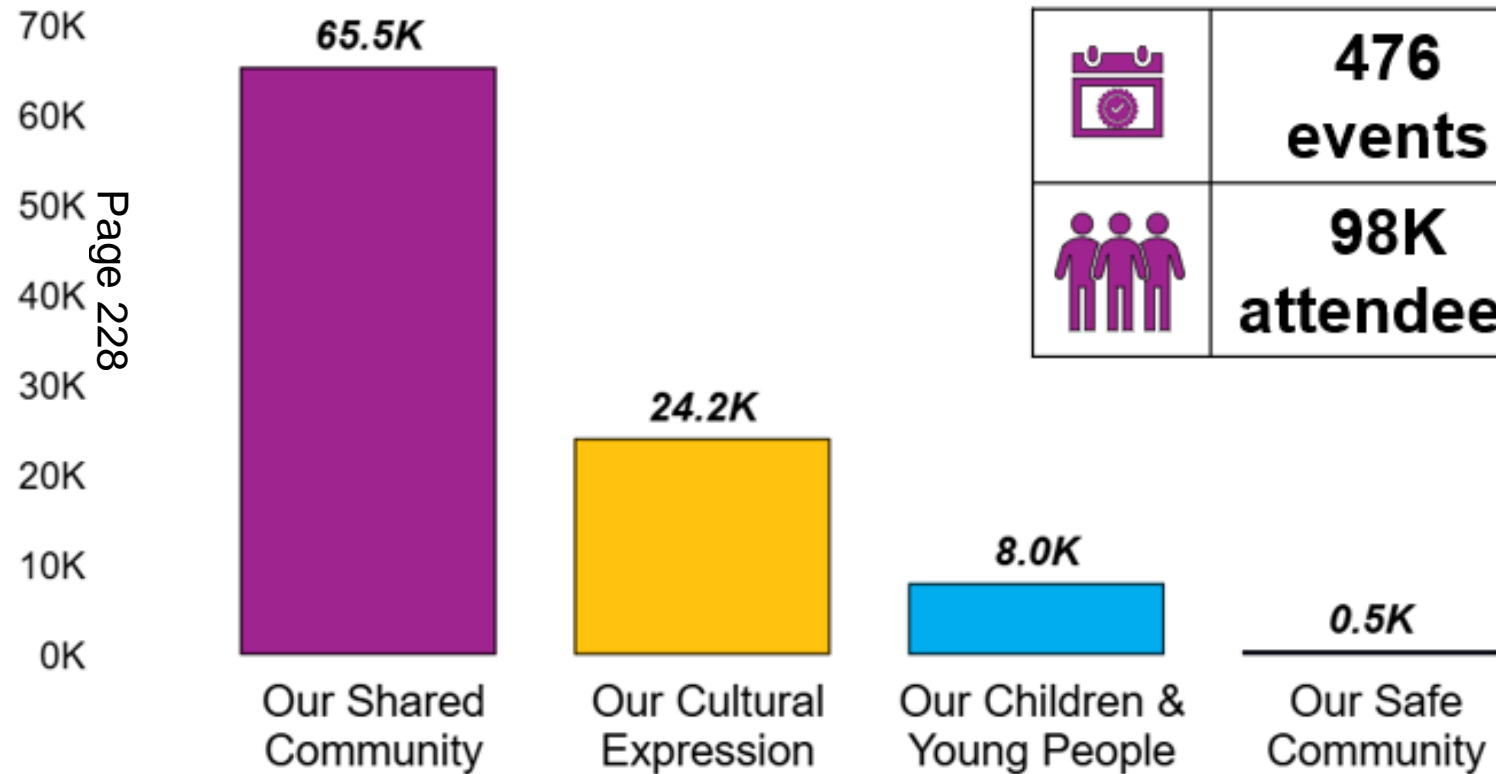
- Managed by Housing Association
- Meet Quarterly – ToR and Code of Practice
- Includes Statutory Agencies, Community Groups/Youth Groups, Schools, Colleges & Elected Representatives
- Identify **Gaps** in Good Relations delivery
- Work Collaboratively
- Advise on content & oversee delivery of GRPs
- Merged Advisory Groups collaborate & maximise opportunity





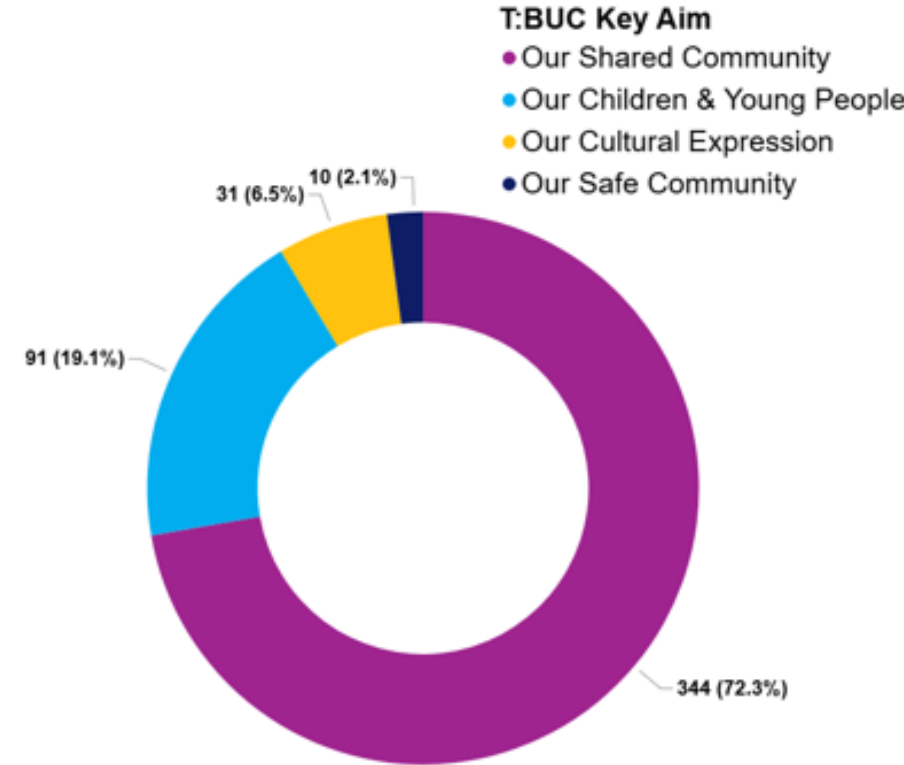
High-level overview of 2024/2025 Shared Housing events

*Estimated no. of attendees
(including festivals)*

*Shared Housing events in FY 2024/2025,
by T:BUC Key Aim*

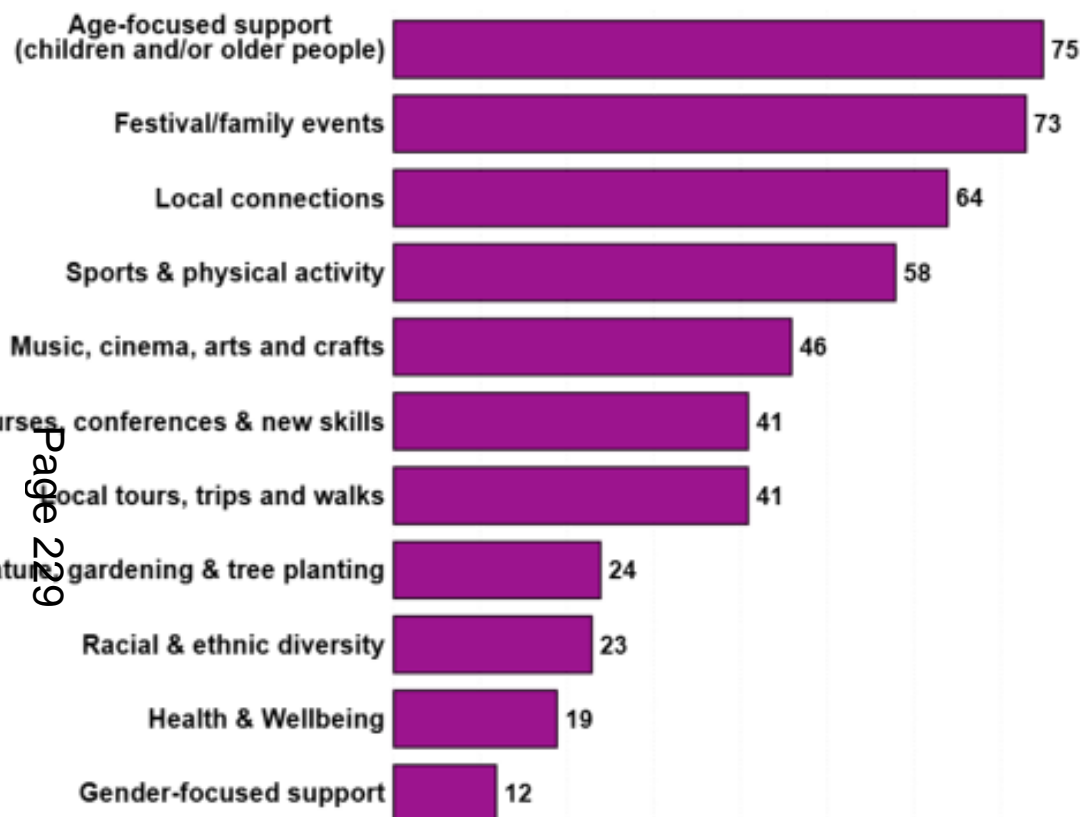


	476 events
	98K attendees

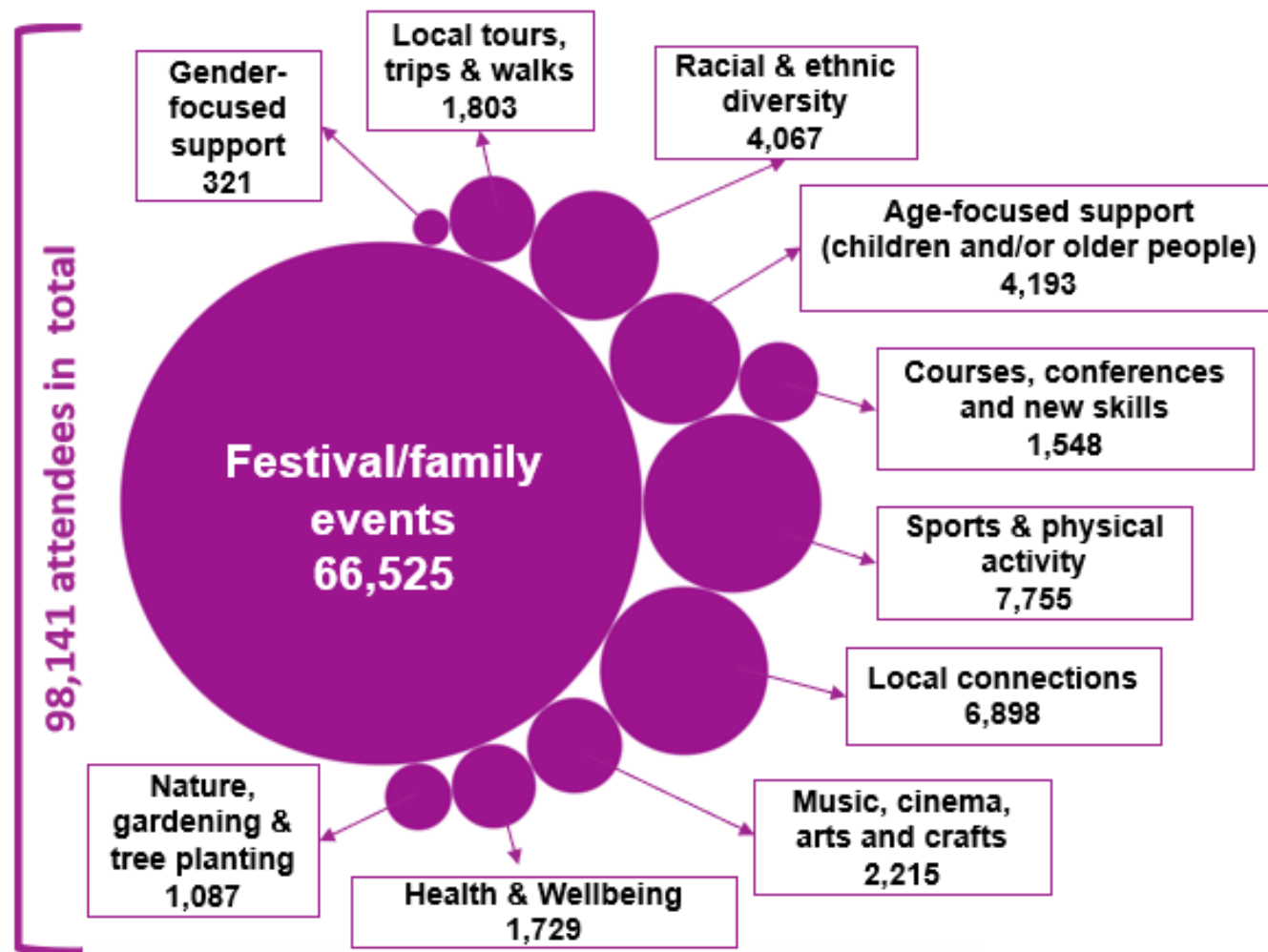


Main focus of 2024/2025 Shared Housing events & attendance

No. of events by their main focus



Estimated no. of attendees by main focus of the event



Note: most Shared Housing events were multifaceted and combined elements of two and more activity types. In this slide, only one type/focus was highlighted for each event to avoid data duplication.




Belfast Bands Forum

CULTURE IN CONFIDENCE: MEDIA TRAINING

9-Week Training Course

- UNDERSTAND HOW THE MEDIA WORKS AND HOW TO MANAGE PRESS ENGAGEMENT.
- BUILD DIGITAL CONFIDENCE
- DEVELOP CLEAR, AUTHENTIC MESSAGING
- HANDLE INTERVIEWS AND PUBLIC SCRUTINY WITH PROFESSIONALISM.
- USE SOCIAL MEDIA EFFECTIVELY
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Urban Living Project

- Dedicated Project manager
- City Centre Waiting List
- Dargan House Loftlines
- Mixed Use/ Mixed Tenure/ Shared
- Collaboration & knowledge sharing
- City Centre Housing Providers Forum
 - Including Belfast AG overview
- Action Plan for Sustainable City Centre Living
- Research, Mapping & Evaluation



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2025/26 Quarter 4 Action Plan Summary Report

Code	Key Priority	Project Summary	Budget	Progress in Quarter 4	Q4 allocation
BCC1	All 4 themes – projects will be aligned to relevant theme	Good Relations Small Grants Prog Criteria focusing on the 4 T:BUC themes and providing opportunities for organisations across Belfast to engage in activities which promote Good Relations.	Total: £160,000	48 projects awarded letters of offer in Q1 continuing to be delivered.	£0
BCC2	Cultural expression	St Patrick's Day Civic Events programme to embed Good Relations Outcomes into events marking the celebration of Saint Patrick's Day.	Total: £20,000	Programme agreed to support an inclusive carnival parade in March 2026	£0
BCC3	Cultural expression	Positive Cultural Expression Programme – to facilitate the positive expression of cultural heritage through the provision of bonfire beacons on the 11 July.	Total: £40,000	All activity delivered in Q2.	£0
BCC4	Shared Community	Civic Engagement and Learning Programme To develop and deliver a range of programmes of events and training on good relations/diversity issues.	Total: £20,000	March Migrant Forum meeting Staff anti-racism training	£304 £3,200 Total: £3,504
BCC5	Shared Community	Minority Ethnic Equality and Inclusion Programme To facilitate partnership working on the inclusion and participation of new communities. This programme will build on this engagement and continue to support initiatives that seek to support the integration and inclusion of all Communities, through good relations related projects as well as supporting advice giving organisations.	Total: £70,000	Support for the Happy Women's Group for events marking International Women's Day	£700 Total: £700
BCC6	Safe Community	Interface Engagement Programme Work with a range of internal and external stakeholders to identify strategic projects that will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. develop and deliver a city-wide initiative on anti-sectarianism and anti-racism to include other agencies and government 2. support progress towards the softening, transformation and/or removal of interface barriers. 	Total £70,000	Programme by Imagine Peace Barriers for International Women's Day	£3,950 Total: £3,950
BCC7	Children & Young people	Shared Education Schools Programme This initiative will be delivered in partnership with Education Authority and will focus on developing the Pupil Voice in Shared Education Partnerships. 4 Post-Primary Shared Education Partnerships (220 pupils) will be recruited onto the programme. The purpose of the programme is to engage pupils from different communities in a range of Pupil Voice		Events delivered in March 2026	£0

		Programmes that seek to explore sensitive and controversial issues through a variety of engagement sessions.	Total £20,000		
BCC 8	All 4 themes – projects will be aligned to relevant theme	Strategic Connections and Support Programme The aim of the Programme is to target resources through a Strategic Connections and Support Programme distributed on a themed basis for localised programmes, events and activities – across the City.	Total £48,862.20		£0
			£448,862.20	Quarter 1 allocation	£271,990.67
			£448,862.20	Quarter 2 allocation	£88,716.67
			£448,862.20	Quarter 3 allocation	£65,350.66
			£448,862.20	Quarter 4 allocation	£8,154.00
			£448,862.20	Total allocation	£434,212.00

Minutes of Party Group Leaders Consultative Forum Thursday 16th April 2026

Attendance

Members:

Councillor Micky Murray

Councillor Sarah Bunting

Councillor Brian Smyth

Councillor Séamas de Faoite

Alderman Sonia Copeland

Councillor Ciaran Beattie

Councillor Ryan Murphy (*joined meeting for Cllr Beattie*)

Apologies: Councillor Natasha Brennan

Officers:

John Walsh, Chief Executive

Trevor Wallace, Director of Finance

Colin Campbell, Divisional Solicitor

David Sales, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services

Sinead Grimes, Director of Property & Projects

Damien Martin, Strategic Director of Place & Economy

Stephen Leonard Director City & Neighbourhood Services (*for Item 3*)

Mark McCann, City Innovation Manager (*for Item 3*)

Brenda Murphy, City Innovation Broker (*for Item 3*)

Jim Girvan Director of Neighbourhood Services (*for Item 6*)

Eunan McConville, Director of Communications, Marketing & External Affairs

Joanne Delaney, Portfolio and Programme Coordinator (secretariat)

1. Finance Update

The Director of Finance updated on the current financial position of the Council, Members noted the update and that further discussions will take place at the next Transformation and Efficiency workshop. The Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) will be presented to members at the workshop in order to inform the discussions to ensure integration with both the corporate planning process and capital strategy so that any budgetary gaps can be identified in a timely manner. Members also noted current central government budgetary pressures and the potential implications for Council, updates on this will be provided going forward.

The Director also provided an update on the discretionary funding reserve and advised that significant further funding requests had been received since March SP&R Committee. He outlined for Members a high-level overview of those requests received and provided an update on those requests that February SP&R Committee had approved. Members noted the current

funding allocation available and that recommendations will be included in the report to April SP&R Committee for consideration.

2. Events Space

The Director of Property and Projects presented an update on the work which has taken place to identify and assess suitable event sites across the city following the decision by Council to restore playing pitch provision at the Boucher Road Playing Fields site. The Director outlined the engagement that had taken place to date with key stakeholders and the viable options that have emerged following that process. It was noted that further exploration is required, including site surveys, programming considerations and continued engagement in advance of a detailed proposal being brought to SP&R Committee. The report will be brought to May SP&R Committee in order to allow for exploration work to be undertaken. A number of queries were raised by Members for which the Director provided clarity. In relation to some of the specific queries around event management and infrastructure issues it was agreed that a special PGL's meeting is arranged along with key stakeholders to discuss further.

3. Bloomberg Fund Update

The Director City & Neighbourhood Services and the City Innovation Manager provided an update on the Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayoral Challenge award following acceptance of the letter of offer. It was noted that work will now commence to deliver a two-year programme to transform alleyways across the city that's supportive of a neighbourhood's needs and ambitions. Members noted the key milestones for the programme of work, programme resources and governance arrangements. Members provided feedback in terms of potential piloting approaches for those groups that already existed and the Director to consider further in line with the programme of work going forward. The detail discussed will be included in a City Innovation update report to April SP&R Committee

Arising from discussion, Members made a number of points about the council's alleyway programme including the allocation of funding set aside in specified reserves for the transformation of alleyways. Officers agreed to explore with a view to bringing a further report back to committee.

4. Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026

The Strategic Director of Place & Economy presented a summary update in relation to the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann work programme and outlined the work underway across a number of core workstreams including, event management, traffic management and accommodation.

Members raised some points in relation to park and ride arrangements and waste management for which clarity was provided. In relation to a point raised about funding for fringe events the Director to follow up with the Director of Finance. A report on the detail discussed will be brought to April SP&R Committee.

5. Planning Update

The Strategic Director of Place & Economy updated the Forum on a number of planning matters which were currently live including an update in relation to short term lets.

6. AOB

Transformation & Efficiency Workshop

Members agreed that the Transformation and Efficiency workshop be reconvened on Thursday 30 April following postponement of the workshop in March.

Illuminate Requests

The Divisional Solicitor outlined for Members a number of illuminate requests received. Members noted the following requests would be agreed under the City Solicitors delegated authority.

- **Golf Now Sports Awards** – 17 April 2026
- **Family Memory Walk** – 19 April 2026
- **World Refugee Day** – 20 June 2026
- **Baby Loss Awareness** – 18 October 2026

Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund

The Director of Property and Projects gave an update on the Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund (NRF) and referred to March SP&R Committee whereby Members had asked that consideration is given to options for increasing the fund. The Director outlined the current NRF projects and the anticipated funding gaps for each given the current challenges in the construction industry and the wider global impact on capital projects. The Director did caveat that what was presented to Members was a high level estimate only and that this was subject to fluctuation given the current market. It was noted that any increase in the fund would need to be considered alongside the year end financial position to be presented to SP&R Committee.

Members noted that officers in the Property and Projects Department continue to work closely with applicants to explore other funding streams that could offset any gaps that have arisen.

European City of Sport 2026

The Director of Neighbourhood Services sought the view of Members in relation to the monies allocated by SP&R Committee for the additional programme support for European City of Sport for 2026. It was noted that whilst grass roots participation was the main focus for the monies, sponsorship of sporting bodies events could be considered. The Director to consider the feedback provided and an update brought back in due course.

The Director to follow up on the request for funding for a grass roots project that was highlighted by a Member.

Northern Ireland Football Fund

The Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services and Director of Property and Projects advised that the application process for grassroots football facilities funding across Northern Ireland had recently been launched. Stream two of the programme is open to Councils and Members noted the site that officers recommended putting forward for this funding stream and the rationale for the recommendation proposed. A report will be brought to April SP&R Committee for Members consideration.

St George's Market

The Strategic Director of Place & Economy briefed Members on recent commentary on social media in relation to St George's Market and Members noted the update provided and that the issue was being reviewed by Legal services.

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