



Subject:	Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting on 4 th August 2025
Date:	22 nd August 2025
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services
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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 4 th August 2025.

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 4 th August, including:
2.2	<p><u>Presentation on ASPIRE, PeacePlus Programme delivered by the Education Authority</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership noted the presentation and recommends to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it notes the presentation.
2.3	<p><u>Good Relations - Quarter 1 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That Shared City Partnership recommends to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report, including the allocation of £170,945.41 in grants through the Good Relations Small Grant Scheme.
2.4	<p><u>Forth Meadow Community Greenway Signage update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee that they also note the contents of the report
2.5	<p><u>Peace Plus Local Community Action Plan (LCAP) Mobilisation 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.
2.6	<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
2.7	<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.
2.8	<p><u>Peace Plus Processes 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>Update from Partnership Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Member advised the Partnership of an upcoming event entitled “Re-imagining Peace” which would take place in the City Hall on Monday, 29th September.

2.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A further Member reported that an event marking the International Day of Peace and promoting shared space would be taking place at Alexandra Park on Sunday, 21st September 2025. <p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair welcomed the new Faith representative, Rev. Graeme Kennedy, who was taking over from Fr. Martin Magill and thanked Fr. Magill for all of his input over the last year.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>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	<p>The key issues on the agenda at the 4th August 2025 meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership Papers of the 9th June 2025 Presentation on The ASPIRE Programme by the Education Authority Good Relations Quarter 1 report Forth Meadow Community Greenway Signage update Peace Plus BCC Local Community Action Plan (LCAP) Mobilisation Update Peace Plus Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update Peace Plus Celebrating Culture and Diversity Thematic Update Peace Plus Processes Update Members Update AOB
3.3	<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 4th August 2025, Appendix 2: Presentation on the ASPIRE Programme, Appendix 3: List of groups funded under the Good Relations Small Grants Programme and Appendix 4: An update summary of Quarter 1 of the Good Relations Action Plan.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All financial implications are covered through existing budgets, and the Good Relations Action Plan is included in the current estimates process.</p>

3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>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>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Minutes of the Shared City Partnership from the 4th August 2025</p> <p>Appendix 2 – ASPIRE Presentation</p> <p>Appendix 3 – List of groups funded under the Good Relations Small Grants scheme</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Good Relations Action Plan Quarter 1 update summary</p>