

## **SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP**

**Monday 8th September, 2025**

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

Members present: Councillor J. Duffy (Chairperson);  
and Councillors Abernethy and I. McLaughlin.

External Members: Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;  
Rev. G. Kennedy, Faith Representative;  
Ms. L. Euler, BHSCT;  
Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Ms. T. Mimna, The Executive Office;  
Mr. L. Gunn, NIHE;  
Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;  
Mr. G. Walker, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Ms. A. M. White, British Red Cross.

In attendance: Mr. G. McCartney, Good Relations Manager  
Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE Programme Manager;  
Mr. D. Robinson, Acting Senior Good Relations Officer;  
Ms. L. Dolan, Good Relations Officer;  
Ms. E. Kennedy, Project Officer (Good Relations);  
Mr. P. Hamilton, Lead Officer - Community Provision;  
Mr. B. Flynn, Committee Services Officer; and  
Mr. A. McMullan, Members' Services Officer.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were reported from Alderman Copeland; Mr. J. Donnelly and Mr. W. Naeem.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 4th August 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 22nd August.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Duffy, Councillor I. McLaughlin, together with Ms. Roberts and Ms. Arthurs, declared interests under Item 6, Local Community Action Plan – Mobilisation Update, in that they were associated with organisations delivering projects under the terms of the PEACEPLUS Programme. As the report did not become subject to debate or discussion, the Members were not required to leave the meeting.

### **The Executive Office - Asylum Dispersal Programme**

The Chairperson welcomed Ms O. McStravick and Ms. J Cummings, representing The Executive Office (TEO), who were in attendance to provide a presentation in respect of the Asylum Dispersal Programme.

It was explained that TEO in Northern Ireland supported the dispersal of asylum seekers by coordinating with the Home Office and other departments in developing and informing support services. Asylum seekers initially received accommodation and were then moved to longer-term dispersal accommodation once their support requests were approved, often in properties managed by the private contractors MEARS. The Partnership was informed that a significant portion of asylum applications in Northern Ireland were from Somalian, Syrian, and Eritrean nationals. It was reported that the number of asylum seekers in Northern Ireland had fallen by more than a one-fifth since September 2023, according to Home Office figures.

A Member raised issues relating to the perception that asylum seekers were being placed in areas where housing stock was at a premium and it was suggested there was an onus on organisations to address such perceptions in a robust and transparent manner. In addition, the Member suggested that there existed a lack of information concerning the distinction between asylum seekers and illegal immigrants and indicated that such a lack of clarity gave rise to misconceptions across the community.

Ms. McStravick explained that the identification of suitable housing was not a devolved matter, but such concerns, as raised, were relayed to the Home Office. Ms. McStravick advised that, although TEO continued to reduce their reliance on contingency hotels, she pointed out, in response to a further query, that there were no plans in Northern Ireland to use military sites for asylum seekers.

After further discussion, the Partnership noted the information provided.

### **Presentation from the Community Relations Council**

Ms. Irwin from the Community Relations Council (CRC) presented an overview of its work to the Partnership. She explained that the core aim of the Council was to promote a peaceful and shared society based on reconciliation and mutual trust. CRC, she explained, was established in 1990 to lead and support change towards reconciliation, tolerance and mutual trust. It was an arm's length body of TEO and sought to be a catalyst for good inter-community and inter-cultural community relations work in the region. CRC sought to identify and develop effective approaches to peacebuilding and reconciliation in partnership with local people and organisations, as well as with central and local government.

Several Members paid tribute to the work which had been undertaken by the organisation, particularly throughout the disturbances which had occurred in the city over the summer period in 2024.

The Partnership noted the information which had been provided and thanked Ms. Irwin for her presentation.

### **Good Relations - Verbal Update**

The Good Relations Manager reported that Superintendent Allister Hagan had been nominated as the Police Service of Northern Ireland's representative on the Shared City

Partnership and he reiterated the importance of PSNI representation. He further advised that a workshop for Members of the Partnership would take place at Malone House on 1st October, the aim of which would be to progress several key items, namely, a refresh of the Good Relations Strategy; the development of a three-year Action Plan; and the role of the Partnership.

The Partnership was informed that one of the key areas in the 2025/26 Action Plan would be the Strategic Connections and Support Programme which would 'seek to develop support for sustainable Good Relations outcomes within the broad delivery of Council business in a number of targeted areas', such as:

1. Health and Wellbeing
2. The Environment and Climate Change
3. Animation in Parks and Public Spaces
4. Community Centre linkages
5. Recognition events

He reminded the Partnership that the Council had supported the "East Meets West" programme in previous years and it was hoped that this would be expanded to an additional eight community centres with various themes to promote Good Relations and would be supported with a contribution of £7,000.

The Good Relations Manager further reported that the Good Relations Unit had supported the Market Community Centre with a contribution of £5,000 to produce four theatrical events involving communities in the Donegall Pass, Market, Sandy Row and Donegall Road areas of South Belfast. That work was intended to address racial and sectarian tensions linked to housing issues 'single identity neighbourhoods'.

The Partnership was informed that the North Belfast Community Partnership would host a range of 'turn up and try' activities. The organisations involved would provide an opportunity for individuals who did not normally engage in such activities to become involved and hopefully encourage greater cohesion within the wider North Belfast area. That project would be supported with a £2,000 contribution.

The Partnership noted the update and agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it would agree and note the update also and thanked the Good Relations Manager for the work which he and his team had undertaken.

### **Asylum Dispersal Programme - Update**

The Good Relations Officer, subsequent to the presentation by TEO, provided an update on the Asylum Dispersal Programme, highlighting the various projects which had been funded, including capacity-building initiatives led by the Law Centre NI and the roll-out of a new mobile advice clinic. In addition, she reported that two further projects were now being funded through the Asylum Dispersal Fund, namely, an Include Youth Project and the Commons – Ballynafeigh Project.

In response to a question raised by a Member, the Good Relations Officer clarified that the Asylum Dispersal Programme's focus was on building capacity to deal with the needs of asylum seekers' issues, whilst the Community Recovery Fund was aimed primarily at promoting good relations between communities following the disturbances in August, 2024.

A Member raised issues relating to the levels of guidance provided to both refugee and asylum seekers to assist them to integrate more effectively within local communities, given particularly the divided nature of society in Northern Ireland. Specifically, it was suggested that more work needs to be undertaken in relation to cultural assimilation.

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

### **Local Community Action Plan - Mobilisation Update**

The Partnership considered the following report:

#### **“1.1 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 Peace Action Plan (LCAP).**

#### **2.0 Recommendation**

**Members are requested to agree an administration extension to 30 September 2028 and note the contents of the report; and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agree the recommendation and note the contents of the report.**

#### **3.0 Main Report**

##### **3.1 Mobilisation**

**Mobilisation of the PEACEPLUS Action Plan is continuing, with progress and key actions summarised below.**

**3.2 Letter of Offer (LoO) and Project Implementation Conditions  
SEUPB has confirmed that all pre contract checks have now been completed, and the Action Plan has been formally contracted on the JeMS system. This will enable development costs to be released and the advance request to be progressed.**

##### **3.3 Programme Extension**

**The modification request for an extension to June 2028 has been submitted for consideration by SEUPB. Members are requested to note that expenditure associated with the extension period will be met by cost savings across the Programme and deferred income. SEUPB has advised that the final claim period should only contain expenditure for the controller cost. Activity and expenditure associated with the Community Regeneration and Transformation theme will be claimed in the June 2028 period. As such the Partnership is requested to agree an administration extension to 30 September 2028 to facilitate SEUPB's requirement regarding the claiming of controller costs only.**

### **3.4 Contract Awards and Procurement**

As previously advised the self-declaration assessment of CCD 4 Ex politically motivated prisoners is currently ongoing.

Members should note that the tender for CCD5 Lot 1 Multiculturalism to Interculturalism was further extended to 22 August 2025, and the evaluation period has now commenced.

### **3.5 Mobilisation of Community Regeneration and Transformation (CRT)**

CPD requested that the pricing document for all capital projects was reissued, and following completion of this process, moderation and assessment of the ITT returns is progressing. Members should note that all design teams should be formally appointed by early September 2025.

Project Steering Groups for each project has been established and will meet on a regular basis.

### **3.6 Delivery Partner Support**

Advice on cross community cohorts has been issued to delivery partners.

Further delivery partner training on compliance, monitoring and evaluation, communications, finance and procurement took place on 28 August 2025 and was well received.

### **3.7 Financial Controller**

As previously advised, a revised proposal was submitted to KPMG, valued at £146K, outlining the anticipated input days (18 per claim), claim content and costs.

KPMG subsequently provided an updated proposal which reduced the input days for claims from 32.5 days to 21.75 days, and reduced the cost to £162K, which equates to a cost saving of £73K from the original proposal. KPMG has also confirmed they will not “bill an additional fee for this at the end of the project” for the two claims associated with the extension period and will take a similar approach for Controller Costs on the Council's 1.4 project.

SEUPB provided limited responses to the Due Diligence clarifications and provided confirmation regarding the Framework procurement documentation has also been highlighted to SEUPB.

The Partnership is requested to note that the Programme Board considered the updated KPMG proposal of £162K and agreed to that the above terms should be accepted. Members should note that a one council approach for management verification is being applied to ensure alignment with the 1.4 Reconnected Belfast

project. Contracting with KPMG will progress on acceptance of KPMG's 1.4 proposal

### **3.8 Finance and Claims**

Following formal contracting, preparation for the submission of claims is progressing. The first claim will be formally submitted once the Financial Controllers is appointed.

### **3.9 Staffing**

Public advertising for a new Project Support Officer is open, and appointment of a new Project Support Officer is progressing

### **3.10 International Day of Peace**

Members are reminded that the International Day of Peace event will take place on Monday 22 September 2025 at City Hall, 12-2pm. Members wishing to attend should confirm via email to [peacepluslap@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:peacepluslap@belfastcity.gov.uk)

### **Financial & Resource Implications**

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

Expenditure incurred for the Action Plan to 31 July 2025 totals Total expenditure across the PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan is £1,041,413.33. The expenditure includes contract initiation and management and administration payments to delivery partners and staff costs. The value of claims to be submitted to SEUPB for reimbursement totals £1,119,380, inclusive Office & Administration costs.

Non-claimable expenditure and overheads of £20K will be met by the deferred income, and as such there will be no cost to Council.

### **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 agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note also the contents of the report and approve the administrative extension of the Plan to 30th September, 2028.

### **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 Peace 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**

Projects and Delivery partners are at various stages of implementation, and confirmation of delivery approaches have been submitted. An overview of project progress within the TPC theme is outlined below:

### **3.2 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).

The first meeting of the Forum, which will oversee the project, will take place in late September 2025. Delivery of the OCN Level 2 in Community Development will also commence in September 2025, with four Local Community Empowerment Plans expected to start between October - December 2025.

Members are advised that the minor project change to amend the category for 120 participants from Wider to Core was submitted to SEUPB for consideration. SEUPB has subsequently advised that “they do not appear to require formal modifications, however, BCC must be satisfied that the changes do not meet the modification criteria outlined in the Programme Manual.”

The Partnership is advised that the change request was considered in line with the Programme Manual, Council change control process and Procurement Regulations. As referenced above the change is not considered a major modification.

### **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. As previously reported, the project is in early stages of mobilisation. Development of the Programme Oversight Group is continuing, and Local Working Group meetings are ongoing.

Mapping of service provision and agreeing of data informed approach are underway. Recruitment for the first cohort of participants commences in this quarter, due to be complete by end of September 2025. Remaining clarifications from contract initiation are being worked through and once these are finalised and agreed, the project will move towards approval of Phase 1 payment.

The Partnership should note that the project launch event is scheduled for Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 10.00 am in Belfast City Hall.

#### **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.

Programmes delivered in July include

- 2x Art and Drama Academies – Avoniel Leisure Centre
- 4x Digital Arts Academies – Girdwood Community Hub

Digital arts activities include personal identity, flags, world music, animation, photography, superheroes and comics. Art & Drama activities included: drama, arts & crafts, sports, and team building.

154 participants engaged in the academies and 152 participants have achieved the required 24 contact hours during July 2025. It is anticipated that the remaining 2 participants will complete in August 2025.

The Partnership is the participant targets remain on track. The project is progressing towards Phase 2a payment and the quarterly management & administration payment, upon completion of all M&E alignment.

#### **3.5 Lot 2: 12–15 year olds (Intermediate) - Lead Delivery Partner Active Communities Network (ACN)**

Project Partners: Ledley Hall Boys & Girls Club, Lagmore Youth Project and Rosario Youth.

Project activity is progressing with 70 participants actively engaging in the project, and 12 sessions have been delivered, accumulating to 37 contact hours.

Young people are currently completing their young leaders award with assessment late August 2025. The cross border residential for this cohort is also scheduled for August 2025.

Members are reminded that within the July report it was noted that the payment schedule would be realigned to reflect the level of achievement. This has now been progressed and has been agreed with ACN. This administrative amend has been recorded on the change control tracker.



Quarterly management and administration payment has been approved and processed.

**3.6 Lot 3: 16–18 year olds (Seniors) - Lead Delivery Partner Streetbeat Youth Project**

**Project Partner YEHA (Youth Educational Health Advice).**

Currently 44 participants are registered and actively engaging in the project. Members should note that Rosario participants were unable to commit to summer delivery, however the Phase 2a participant target should be achieved by the end of September 2025. A summary of Project activity includes:

- **YEHA West Group:** team build activity, creative arts workshop, leadership sessions and residential preparation.
- **Streetbeat North/West:** overnight residential, outdoor activities, team building, outings to Hillsborough Forst Park and Crawfordsburn, community sessions, meet with Streetbeat East Belfast Group.
- **YEHA North Group:** creative arts and crafts, coping mechanisms and positive mental wellbeing, outdoor sessions, residential preparations, a titanic walking tour which focused on community and the impact of history.

The project launch took place on 19 August 2025, and was attended by the SCP Chair

Quarterly management and administration payment has been approved and progressed.

**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). The delivery partner is establishing agreements with sub partners, and clarifications from the contract initiation continued to be progressed.

**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.

Pillar 1 (16-18 year olds) activity is complete, with 30 participants from Bryson and Malone College undertaking First Aid, Safeguarding, Sports Practice, inclusive games, Dodgeball level 1, team building activity and a cross border celebration event. A second Cross Border Event took place on 7 August 2025 with Pillar 1 participants hosting a group from Kildare. The Pillar 1 participants are supporting the delivery of Pillar 2 as part of their leadership development.

95 participants are currently engaged in Pillar 2 activity, which enables young people 11-16 year olds to engage better with their community by building their confidence, personal abilities, and core skills, initially engaging in single identity sessions before twinning with groups across Belfast.

Quarterly Management and Administration payment approved and progressed.

### **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.

Project delivery is ongoing, with 4 new cohorts (73 participants) established in partnership with local community groups:

- Cohorts 7 – Conway Education
- Cohort 8 – Anaka Woman's Collective
- Cohort 9 – Anaka Woman's Collective
- Cohort 10 – People 1st

Currently 138 participants 10 cohorts are actively engaged, with cohorts 1-6 due to complete by September 2025 and cohorts 7 – 10 to complete by October 2025.

Recruitment for future cohorts is ongoing, to ensure targets for the next key milestone are achieved. The quarterly contract management payment has been approved and processed.

Members should note that further sub project partners may be added as the project delivery progresses, and will be reported to the Board, as required.

### **3.10 TPC 6 Arts Across the Genres – Delivery Partner Maywe** **Project Partners: Giga Training, BEAM Creative Network**

The project launched in July 2025 with a press release and website launch. Project 1 and Project 5 held their first taster session/ recruitment open day on 26 July 2025.

A recruitment open day and taster sessions took place in July, with 132 people participated and 80 interested in getting involved in the project. A film shoot of the session took place as a taster session for the Project 5 element.

The Project 1 element is branded PolyPhonic and is led by BEAM, focusing on Performance Art/ Music & Creative Writing. Good Relations capacity building sessions for this element are planned for September and October 2025.

Project 5 is led by GIGA and will create content from and promote the other arts-based projects through digital media and filmmaking. Recruitment will focus on community groups supporting individuals with learning disabilities, learning difficulties and neurodivergence.

### **Financial & Resource Implications**

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

### **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.”

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

### **Celebrating Culture and Diversity - Thematic Update**

The Partnership considered the following report:

#### **“1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Shared City Partnership with a progress update on projects within the Celebrating Culture and Diversity (CCD) Theme of the PEACEPLUS Belfast Local Community Peace 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**

Delivery partners and projects are at various stages of implementation, and confirmation of delivery approaches have been submitted. An overview of project progress within the CCD theme 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. A dedicated Interfaith & Belief Programme Manager is in post to progress the project.

Participant recruitment has commenced for all strands of activity, with 27 participants expressing an interest in Stream 3 Celebrating Faith Festivals Steering Group. Co-design workshops for Stream 2 Unity and Peace Welcoming Programme are scheduled for August and September 2025. A promo video to support recruitment for the project has also been developed

The contract initiation phase is nearing completion and progressing towards initial payment release on completion of supporting evidence.

### **3.3 CCD2 – Community Connections Lead Delivery Partner: GEMS NI**

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

Initial stages of project mobilisation are ongoing. An engagement survey to inform Strand 1: Community Leadership and Mentoring Programme activity has been completed. Co-design workshops for other strands took place, as follows:

- Strand 2: Community Orientation and Cultural Facilitators Programme – 13 August
- Strand 3: Community Connectors Programme – 27 August

Participant recruitment is progressing, with registration of participants in September 2025.

The project is nearing completion of the contract initiation phase, Phase 1 payment will be progressed once the final clarifications are agreed.

### **3.4 CCD 3 – LGBTQIA+ Community Engagement Project - Lead Delivery Partner: The Rainbow Project**

**Project Partners:** Cara Friend, HERe NI

Initial stages of project mobilisation are ongoing. Recruitment for 3 project staff has progressed to interview / appointment stage.

The design stage of Strand 5 Research has commenced, and scoping is underway for the appointment of external consultancy support for Strand 2 Strategic Planning activity.

Contract initiation has been completed, and the phase 1 payment progressed.

### **3.5 CCD4 – Community Empowerment Ex Politically Motivated Prisoners**

Clarifications identified during the self-declaration phase continue to be addressed with Procurement, Legal and the bidder. Subject to satisfactory responses, it is anticipated that contract award will progress in September 2025.

## **CCD5 From Multiculturalism to Interculturalism**

### **3.6 Lot 1 – Language and Cultural Access**

The tender closing date was extended to 22 August 2025, and tender evaluation has commenced. The contract award is anticipated for October 2025.

### **3.7 Lot 2 – Cultural Spaces Lead Delivery Partner: MayWe**

Project set-up is progressing. A key focus of the project is delivery of activity involving 12 cultural spaces across the city. Members are requested to note that the 7 Cultural Spaces identified in the successful tender submission were: 2 Royal Avenue, An Droichead, ASCONI, Belfast Intercultural Romanian Community Centre, Banana Block /Portview Trade Centre, The Lyric Theatre and The MAC.

Discussions are ongoing with Maywe to identify suitable cultural spaces as detailed in the tender submission. These additional spaces are to be agreed by Council and will be considered by the Project Manager and the Programme Manager in the first instance, with a recommendation to the Programme Board and partnership.

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

The Partnership is requested to note that the delivery partner has no specific project partner, however numerous participating organisations will be engaged citywide across Flagship Events, Festivals Cultural Connector Programme and Musical Fusions. Details of participant festivals will be confirmed by September 2025.

Engagement with Belfast-based festivals has progressed, and feedback has outlined a gap in mentors. As such a project change control is being considered and will be approved through the Governance structure. Membership of the steering groups and training plans for the Festivals Cultural Connector (mentoring) element and Flagship Event Capacity Building programmes are being finalised. A Programme launch event for the Festivals Cultural Connector (mentoring) element is being planned for October 2025.

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

Project delivery is progressing. 90 participants are registered and 81 are actively participating across Heritage Tours, Heritage Events, Project Steering Group and the Burial Traditions Programme. 50 participants and a further 22 wider beneficiaries have completed their required engagement hours through Heritage Tours to date. A “Friars, Fairies, and Famine”, event, part of the Burial Traditions programme and delivered as part of the Mela Festival, took place in August at Friar’s Bush Graveyard.

**Upcoming activity from September 2025 will include delivery of Tour Guide training in partnership with Belfast Met, and mobilising delivery of the Civic Voices theatre strand delivered by Kabosh Theatre Company, and the Faith in Focus.**

#### **Financial & Resource Implications**

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

#### **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.**

After discussion the Partnership noted the contents of the report and recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report.

#### **Processes Update**

The Peace Programme Manager provided the Partnership with an update on the processes used to aid the implementation of the PEACEPLUS Belfast Local Community Peace Action Plan and highlighted the PEACEPLUS Performance Dashboard.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and agreed to adopt the updated Terms of Reference for the Performance and Finance Steering Group, and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it also note the contents of the report and agree the updated Terms of Reference.

#### **Any Other Business**

The Good Relations Manager reported that during the meeting he had received an email from TEO indicating that a sum of up to £27,000 had been made available to the Council to address issues related to the recent racial disorder in Belfast. He pointed out that any application for funding must be submitted by 22nd September. He sought the Partnership's delegated authority for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to consider and, if appropriate, approve applications for funding, subject to retrospective approval being sought at the meeting in October, and, accordingly, the endorsement of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

The Committee agreed to the aforementioned course of action.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Partnership was reminded that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday, 6th October.

Chairperson