

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Monday 10th November, 2025

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

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

External Members: Mr. L. Gunn, NIHE;
Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;
Mr. W. Naeem, Interfaith Forum;
Ms. T. Mimna, Executive Office;
Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector
Mr. G. Walker, Community and Voluntary Sector; and
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, Acting Senior Good Relations Officer;
Ms. E. Kennedy, Project Officer (Good Relations);
Ms. V. Postle, Project Officer (Good Relations); and
Mr. A. McMullan, Members' Services and Digital Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman Copeland, Councillors Ian McLaughlin and Smyth and Ms. Briega Arthurs.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 6th October 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 24th October.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Duffy Councillor Duffy, Ms. Roberts and Mr Wasif declared interests under Item 7, PEACEPLUS Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update, in that they were associated with organisations delivering projects under the Community Recovery Fund and the PEACEPLUS Programme. As the reports did not become subject to debate or discussion, the Members were not required to leave the meeting.

Schedule of Meetings 2026

The Partnership noted its schedule of meetings for 2026, as set out below:

- Monday 12th January at 1:30pm;
- Monday 9th February at 1:30pm;
- Monday 9th March at 1:30pm;
- Monday 13th April 1:30pm;
- Monday 11th May 1:30pm;
- Monday 8th June 1:30pm;
- Monday 10th August 1:30pm;
- Monday 7th September 1:30pm;
- Monday 5th October 1:30pm;
- Monday 9th November 1:30pm; and
- Monday 7th December 1:30pm.

Presentations

Presentation from Law Centre – Welcome Information Programme

Ms. Medbh Henry, Community Development Officer, Ms. Niamh Rowan, Community Engagement Officer, and Ms. Liz Griffith, Head of Migration Justice from Law Centre NI provided the Partnership with an overview of the Welcome Information Programme, a 12-month capacity building project funded by the Council.

Ms Rowan highlighted that the project had included an online survey to help identify community development needs in the city and to assess what further support organisations needed to advise and support asylum seekers.

She provided an update on the delivery of a three-tier training programme and the development of a knowledge and learning network to enhance the capacity of those organisations which provide advice and support services for asylum seekers, and to enable those organisations to include asylum seekers within their services

Ms Griffith reported that the project was also developing a user-friendly online map of services available to asylum seekers and refugees in Belfast.

The Partnership noted the information which had been provided and thanked Ms. Henry, Ms. Rowan and Ms Griffith for their presentation.

Presentation from International Organisation for Migration (IOM) - Place Based Community Asylum Support Link Advisors

Mr. Andrew Chisholm, Senior Project Associate/Northern Ireland Lead and Ms. Suzanne Mutasim, Project Associate/Case Worker from IOM presented the Partnership with an overview of the Asylum Link Advisor Project.

Mr. Chisholm reported that the objectives of the project were to provide asylum seekers in Belfast with a high-quality outreach and advice service and to provide ad-hoc second-tier

advice to external organisations, frontline staff and support workers in order to improve the support they could provide to asylum seekers.

Ms. Mutasim highlighted previous casework examples and IOM's signposting service to other agencies to assist asylum seekers with safeguarding concerns, rights and entitlements, accessing legal representation and dealing with refused claims.

Following questions by Members, Mr. Chisholm confirmed that the project's focus was on new arrivals, but that IOM were also able to help those who had already received refugee status. He also confirmed that referrals to the project could be made by community organisations or elected representatives.

The Chairperson thanked IOM for attending the meeting and the Partnership noted the information which had been provided.

Members' Verbal Update

Ms. Roberts reported that previously reported anti-social behaviour at East Belfast interfaces continued. She highlighted that, although it was a city-wide occurrence, a tailored approach for each area would be necessary to tackle this issue. She noted that the lack of resources available to confront the anti-social behaviour had caused frustration and division in communities and, as a result, the behaviour had on accession transformed into sectarian in nature.

The Chairperson noted the absence of the PSNI representative at the meeting and reiterated the importance of their attendance.

Ms. White informed the Partnership that she would provide an overview on the work of the British Red Cross and the challenges the organisation faces at the next meeting.

The Chairperson reminded Members to submit any updates at least a week in advance of the Partnership meetings to allow them to be added to the agenda.

Noted.

Good Relations Verbal Update

The Good Relations Manager reported that Social Change Initiative was undertaking a pilot programme focusing on building the capacity and competence of women in the Unionist Community and that the organisation had expressed an interest in working with the Council to progress the initiative. He highlighted that a collaboration would align with BCC 8 Strategic Connections and would complement the Council's work on capacity building within communities in relation to understanding migration issues and promoting better understanding and relations between all communities.

He suggested that the Council develop a pilot proposal to progress the programme in conjunction with Social Change Initiative with an update to be provided at the Partnerships' December meeting.

The Good Relations Manager advised that Rubiconn were finalising some engagements regarding the Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan and that some detail, in draft form, had been received from them. He suggested that a half-day session be arranged for the Partnership to consider the Strategy and its recommendations.

He reported that the Executive Office had indicated that additional funding for Asylum Dispersal would be allocated to Councils this year and that a long-term proposal for its use would be brought to the Partnership's December meeting.

He advised that he would schedule presentations to the Partnership from a number of groups including Reconnected Belfast PEACEPLUS Programme, The Fleadh Belfast 2026, City of Sanctuary, Community Regeneration and Transformation Team, and PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan Contracted Delivery Agents.

The partnership noted the update and recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also note the update.

PEACEPLUS - 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 content of the report.

3.0 Main report

3.1 The Secretariat report combines both the mobilisation and processes update for the PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan. Progress on the implementation of projects is outlined in the Thematic reports.

3.2 Mobilisation

Mobilisation is now focusing on both the capital and animation elements of the Community Regeneration & Transformation theme, and the Multiculturalism to Interculturalism Lot 1 project.

3.3 Programme Extension

An extended Letter of Offer (LoO) to 30 September 2028 has been received and accepted. Members are reminded that project activity is to end March/April 2028 with programme closure in May/June 2028. As required by SEUPB, the final period (July-September 2028) relates solely to the Financial Controller aspect.

3.4 Contract Awards and Procurement

The contract for delivery of the CCD 4 Ex Politically motivated prisoners project has now been awarded to Coiste.

The re-tender for delivery of the CCD5 Lot 1 Multiculturalism to Interculturalism opened on 24 October 2025.

3.5 Financial Controller

The Application for Approbation to appoint an External Controller has been submitted to KPMG and is progressing to SEUPB.

Members should note KPMG will invoice actual hours incurred for the verification of each claim. As such payments per claim may vary, however overall costs will be up to the maximum contract value of the agreed £162,395.

3.6 Finance and Claims

PEACEPLUS claimable expenditure to 30 September 2025 is approx. £1.44m as outlined below:

Claim #	Salaries	O&A	External Expertise and Services	Total
1 – Jan to Mar 2024	£18,207.81	£2,731.17		£20,938.98
2 – Apr to Jun 2024	£25,957.06	£3,893.56		£29,850.62
3 – Jul to Sep 2024	£92,346.64	£13,852.00		£106,198.64
4 – Oct to Dec 2024	£123,671.08	£18,550.66		£142,221.74
5 – Jan to Mar 2025	£164,379.03	£24,656.85		£189,035.88
6 – Apr to Jun 2025	£175,895.86	£26,384.38	£184,266.89	£386,547.13
7 – July to Sept 2025	£165,500.18	£24,825.03	£378,654.10	£568,979.31
Total to date	£765,957.66	£114,893.65	£562,920.99	£1,443,772.30

Initial contract payments totalling £94,266.94 have been made to delivery partners for the CCD1 Interfaith and Belief and CCD2 Community Connections projects.

Preparation for the submission of claims on to SEUPB's JeMS system is progressing, with Claims 1-3 prepared. A phased approach to claims submission is being adopted to manage risk and the first claim will only be submitted once the Financial Controller is appointed.

3.7 Staffing

Róisín Erskine joined the team as Project Support Officer and will be supporting the PM's portfolio, with a thematic focus on the Community Regeneration and Transformation theme.

The recruitment process of the Project Officer resulted in no appointment. As such the recruitment exercise is to be reissued. Recruitment for the Monitoring and Data Analyst post opened on 10 October 2025, with interviews scheduled for 12 November 2025.

3.8 Monitoring and Evaluation System

Projects continue to progress towards achievement of their targets and evidence via the submission of data on the Monitoring and Evaluation System. As summary of participant data is as follows:

	To date:	Previously reported:	Variance since last report
Projects commenced adding participant data	10	10	=
Participants registered on the system	1371	1059	312
Participants achieved (unverified)	836	494	342

Further detail on the key achievements of the Programme to date are outlined in Appendix I Performance Dashboard

3.9 Governance

The Performance and Finance Steering Group (PFSG) has now been established. The focus of the steering group is to monitor performance and finance of the Programme, escalate issues and make recommendations to the Programme Board for action and reporting to the Shared City Partnership.

The first meeting was held on 29 September 2025 and key discussion points included:

- PFSG Terms of Reference
- Agreement of Standardised Agenda for future meetings
- M&E Update
- Finance Update

No issues or concerns were highlighted at this stage, and the PFSG meetings will progress quarterly.

3.9 Assurance Audit

The Partnership is advised that all requested documentation for the Assurance Audit has been submitted, and the audit is underway. It is anticipated that a draft audit report will be issued in November 2025. The audit report and recommendations will be reported through the PEACEPLUS Governance structure.

3.10 Risk Management

Members are reminded that the PEACEPLUS risk register is reviewed quarterly, as per Appendix II PEACEPLUS Programme Risk Register. No additional significant risks have been identified, and no risks have been escalated from individual project risk registers.

3.11 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 3.6 above, PEACEPLUS claimable expenditure to 30 September 2025 is approx. £1.44m.

3.12 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 note the contents of the report.

Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update

The Peace Programmes Manager provided the Partnership with a progress update on projects within the Thriving and Peaceful Communities Theme of the PEACEPLUS Belfast Local Community Action Plan.

She reported that the launch of the Health and Wellbeing Project launched on 18th October and Ashton, the project's lead delivery partner, had confirmed that the indicative areas of interest outlined in the action plan and tender specification would be the delivery areas for the duration of the project. She advised that the project was running slightly behind schedule but assured the Partnership that it was progressing.

The Peace Programme Manager highlighted the Social Action Project under TPC3 Lot 2: 12-15 Year Olds (Intermediate) was underway delivering the priorities identified by the participants including addressing period poverty, homelessness and disadvantage which were aligned very closely to PEACEPLUS requirements.

She reported that the residential project under TPC3 Lot 3: 16-18 Year Olds (Seniors), which included 26 young people accompanied by four members of staff, had started today with their travel to Poland.

She advised the Partnership that the Project under TPC3 Lot 4: 19-25 Year Olds (Young Adults) had seen an increase in residential costs. She advised that the Council were liaising with the lead delivery partner, GEMS NI, to consider options regarding the project targets and deliverables.

The Peace Programme Manager brought to the Partnership's attention the shortfall in participant retention and achievement of the required contact hours in the TCP 5 Employability Language Up project. She advised that the Council had been engaging with the lead delivery partner to provide a revised implementation plan outlining how the project deliverables would be achieved.

Following a question from a Member, the Peace Programme Manager confirmed that the lead partner would look to realign targets into another phase and that tolerances in regard to participants achieving contact hours would also be considered.

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

Celebrating Culture 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 agree

- Extended delivery timeframe to 31 March 2028 for Lot 1 – Language and Cultural Access of the CCD5 Multiculturalism to Interculturalism project**
- Morton Community Centre, as the initial location for a Welcome Hub and to consider nominations for the Civic Mentor element of the CCD2 – Community Connections project**

and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agree the recommendations above and 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.

CCD1 – Interfaith and Belief Lead Delivery Partner:
Corrymeela Community
Consortium Partners: Redeeming Our Communities, Belfast
Islamic Centre, NI Inter-Faith Forum

Relationships with key faith & belief groups including: Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, Buddhist, Baha'i and Humanist continue to be developed.

Recruitment is ongoing across the three key streams. Three sessions have been delivered with 48 individuals expressing an interest, however only two participants have signed up to the steering groups, and further recruitment is ongoing.

Stream 1: The Reference Team continues to provide expertise on the development of the youth education resources.

Stream 2: Three Capacity Building sessions are planned for delivery

Stream 3: A pilot Interfaith Walking City Tour is being developed to take place on 9 November 2025.

Members are requested to note that the Delivery Partner has outlined that implementation is approximately one month behind schedule, due to delay in the staff and participant recruitment. The PEACEPLUS Project Manager is working closely with the Delivery Partner to bring the project on track.

The quarterly payment for the project is being processed.

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

Project set up and planning is ongoing with delivery to commence in October 2025. Following feedback from the mapping survey, participants in Strand 1 (Leadership and Mentoring) will work towards accreditation for a Level 2 Leadership and Team Skills. Recruitment is underway for Strand 1 and Strand 2 (Community Facilitators).

Recruitment of civic mentors is a critical element of Strand 1, to provide mentor support for participants from a minority ethnic background. The Delivery Partner is actively seeking nominations from political parties to participate in this mentoring element. It is anticipated that 6 civic mentors from the main political parties will take part in the project with a time commitment of 17.5 hours, minimum. Further detail on the mentoring opportunity is outlined in Appendix I Community Connections SCP Brief.

Members are requested to consider nominations for the civic mentors and submit nominations to the PEACEPLUS

team by 28 November 2025. Further options to encourage civic mentor recruitment would be welcome.

The project also includes the development of 3 Welcome Hubs in Council community spaces, providing a space for those new to Belfast to meet, make connections and to network with support organisations. The delivery partner has been liaising with relevant Council officers to identify suitable Hub locations.

The Programme Board considered options for the Welcome Hubs, and recommends that the Shared City Partnership agree, in principle, Morton Community Centre, as the initial location with a further report on other Welcome Hub locations once a full proposal is finalised.

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

All project staff are now in post, and the first Project Steering Group took place in September 2025. Further recruitment for the Steering Group is ongoing to ensure increased diversity and representation.

Preparation for procurement of the Strategic Planning activity is progressing and initial scoping for the research strand and development of the comms strategy is ongoing. The project launch is being scheduled for November 2025.

As reported in October 2025, the project is approximately one month behind scheduled delivery and officers are working closely with the Delivery Partner to bring the project on track by December 2025.

3.5 CCD4 – Community Empowerment Ex Politically Motivated Prisoners

The contract for delivery of the project has been awarded to Coiste na nIarchimí and consortium members of Tar Anall, Action for Community Transformation, Charter NI, and Tar Isteach. The contract initiation phase is progressing with the initiation meeting taking place on 20 October 2025.

CCD5 From Multiculturalism to Interculturalism

3.6 Lot 1 – Language and Cultural Access

As reported in October 2025, the previous tender call did not result in contract award.

On considering options to mobilise the project, it was identified that an extended timeframe to enable delivery of

activity is required. The Programme Board considered the options and agreed an extended delivery timeframe to 31 March 2028, which is within the current LoO timeframe. The Partnership is requested to note and agree the extended timeframe.

To maximise the delivery period, the tender was re-issued at the end of October 2025.

3.7 Lot 2 – Cultural Spaces Lead Delivery Partner: MayWe

The contract initiation phase is progressing towards completion, with project planning being finalised.

The Partnership is requested to note that the cultural spaces that have confirmed participation are The MAC, Banana Block, Belfast Intercultural Romanian Community, Discover Ulster Scots, and An Chultúrlann. These cultural spaces meet the tender requirements and criteria for participation. The delivery partner is liaising with further cultural spaces to participate in the project.

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

The Phase 1 Project Initiation milestones are nearing completion, and an induction for the Mentoring Programme was scheduled for delivery late October 2025.

Members should note that 6 Flagship Events have been identified for delivery as part the Flagship Events Steering Group. Officers are currently considering the details, and a further report will be submitted in due course.

A public launch and media release for the Mentoring Programme, Flagship strand, and Capacity Building Programme has been rescheduled to November 2025.

3.9 Lot 4 – Culture and Shared Built Heritage Lead Delivery Partner: Arts Ekta

Project Partners: Cairde na Cille, Kabosh Theatre

Project activity is progressing ahead of schedule. Activity delivered over September 2025 included Friar's Bush animation and St George's Graveyard workshops as part of the Burial Traditions Programme. Delivery of the OCN Level 2 in Tour Guiding with Belfast Met has commenced.

Analysis of M&E shows 267 participants registered and 259 actively participating, of which 223 completed, across all project activities. 52 attitudinal surveys have been received to date with overall average positive response rate exceeding the 70% threshold required.

The Partnership is requested to note the themes to be delivered as part of the Civic Voices Theatre Programme.

- community-led restorative justice;
- alternative archive of LGBTQ+ life;
- heritage of working-class communities in East Belfast
- maritime heritage between Gdansk and Belfast
- life in a post-conflict society

This element is to be delivered by Kabosh Theatre, and further detail on the Theatre Programme is outlined in Appendix II Civic Voices Theatre Programme

3.10 Financial and Resource Implications

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

3.11 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.

Appendix II - Civic Voices Theatre Programme (Lot 4 – Culture and Shared Built Heritage)

Cohort	Thematic outline	Performance Location	Show Date
New Lodge Arts (North)	This piece will explore the theme of community-led restorative justice, developed with input from Community Restorative Justice (CRJ) and inspired by interviews with local community leaders. Participants will examine how communities in Belfast historically responded to anti-social behaviour, and how those approaches have evolved in the transition from conflict to peace. By uncovering testimonies about the informal justice systems of the past — some of which were rooted in fear and punishment — participants will grapple with the legacy of distrust in formal policing and justice structures. They will then contrast this with contemporary restorative practices, which emphasise dialogue, accountability, and reconciliation. Through these explorations, the group will create a performance that provokes informed debate about the legacy of the past, the ongoing challenges of community safety, and the possibilities for justice rooted in empathy, responsibility, and repair.	Duncairn Arts Centre	30th October

Paperclips (City Centre)	This queer youth group will focus on creating an alternative archive of LGBTQ+ life in Belfast — mapping the “hidden city” of stories, bars, clubs, meeting places, and safe havens that have shaped queer identity across generations. The promenade performance will move through central Belfast, turning public spaces into stages that reveal both celebration and struggle. Participants will ask what it means to claim space in a city where queer stories have often been silenced or erased, and how theatre can act as a living archive. This strand will highlight resilience, creativity, and the importance of visibility.	City centre promenade	2nd November
Eastside Arts (East)	This strand will focus on the heritage of working-class communities in East Belfast, examining the resilience of families who built lives amid industrial hardship and social adversity. Participants will highlight stories of ordinary people — shipyard workers, mill workers, homemakers — who contributed to a strong sense of place, identity, and solidarity. Themes of sacrifice, generosity, and collective survival will anchor the narrative, with performances weaving together local voices, archival fragments, and intergenerational testimonies.	East Belfast promenade	15th March
Polish Sisterhood (South)	This strand will explore the shared maritime heritage between Gdansk and Belfast, two port cities shaped by shipbuilding, trade, and migration. Participants will examine stories of industrialisation and textile manufacturing, weaving these narratives with personal accounts of journeys to and from Belfast. Religion and ritual will serve as cultural touchstones, reflecting both the Catholic traditions of Poland and the Protestant and Catholic traditions of Belfast. The intergenerational nature of the group will allow parents and children to reflect together on the meaning of migration, belonging, and adaptation.	Belvoir Forest Park	14th June
Black Mountain Women’s Group (West)	Black Mountain looms as both a physical and symbolic presence in the west of the city. Historically a place of refuge, resilience, and division, it has shaped community identity in profound ways. This strand will focus on life in a post-conflict society — exploring how families rebuild, how memory is transmitted across generations, and how communities can find common ground in the shadow of political division. By situating the performance in the Black Mountain Community Garden, participants will draw on the symbolism of growth, renewal, and shared stewardship of the land.	Black Mountain Community Garden	28th June

After discussion the Good Relations Manager suggested that the various project leads be invited to a future meeting to update the Partnership on their progress.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it also note the contents of the report and approve the recommendations contained therein.

PEACEPLUS 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 also note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Community Regeneration and Transformation Implementation Update

As previously reported, design teams have been appointed for all 5 CRT projects and initial meetings with the designers, Steering Groups and stakeholders have taken place. Delivery timeframes for each project are currently being confirmed.

3.2 Pre-market engagement - Animation

A Pre-market engagement session for all animation projects took place on 7 October 2025. Some concerns were highlighted regarding the Annadale proposal and community engagement, steps to address the issues are being progressed.

Members are reminded that SEUPB agreed a phased approach for animation activity for pre, during and post construction stages. The procurement approach for each project is outlined below. Tender documentation is being prepared, although members should note that the issue of tenders and contracting dates are being reviewed to ensure alignment with the capital delivery timeframes.

3.3 Governance update

The first meeting of the Capital Project Board is scheduled for 30 October 2025, key points for discussion include governance, terms of reference and implementation.

3.4 Capital and Animation updates

CRT1: LGBTQIA+ Hub

Mechanical & Engineering Assessments are underway. The business case for approval of 'landlord' related capital works, to align with PEACEPLUS capital works, is progressing.

Members are reminded that the animation activity is to be delivered via enhanced service provision, that the main stakeholder/tenant organisations will deliver when relocating to the new Hub. Discussions on appropriate legal agreements to ensure delivery of the animation are being progressed.

3.5 CRT2: Annadale

Stakeholder engagement is continuing and discussions to address concerns raised during the pre-market engagement session are progressing.

Planning is to be submitted through a regular application, and clarification on Council's position on funding for pitch element, which is additional to the approved PEACEPLUS element, is progressing.

An indicative procurement approach to mobilise the animation is as follows:

- Event Management Training, via a quotation exercise in November 2025 with delivery starting January 2026.
- Detached youth work with a cross-community focus, via a quotation exercise in January 2026 with delivery starting April 2026.
- Training on delivery of environmental activities and play sessions, procured via a quotation exercise in January 2026 with delivery starting April 2026.
- Events via quotation exercise in January 2026 with delivery starting April 2026.
- Delivery of traditional and urban sports sessions, health & wellbeing sessions, wildlife haven workshops, gardening workshops, traditional & modern craftsmanship, talks, walks and trips and photography workshops, via a tender, published in October 2026 with delivery starting February 2027.

3.6 CRT3: Distillery Street

Planning for the project will be submitted through a regular application. Clarity on maintenance responsibilities and land ownership is also progressing.

Procurement for the animation activity will be via a tender to be October/November 2025 with delivery starting February 2026.

3.7 CRT4: Access to the Hills

Following recent site walks and given the complexity of the site, it was identified that Planning may require a major application, which may impact the delivery timeframe. Options to progress planning are under consideration.

The animation procurement approach will be via a public tender, with an estimated release date of 21 November 2025, with delivery starting March 2026.

3.8 CRT5: Sanctuary Theatre

The nature of works at the Sanctuary Theatre does not require planning approval.

Procurement of the animation activity including a volunteering programme, school's outreach good relations programme, good relations drama productions, audience and participant engagement, and communications activity will be procured via a tender, published end October 2025, with delivery starting February 2026.

Design teams have been requested to provide delivery programmes for each project with clear timelines to include all key steps, e.g. planning, tender preparation, contractor procurement, construction. A report on the timelines will be provided in December 2025.

3.9 Capital Risks

Members are advised that the key issues affecting the capital elements, as identified at an internal risk workshop are: (i) adherence to timelines, (ii) securing planning approval, (iii) financial and delivery within budget, and (iv) ongoing political support.

Members should note that a request for additional works, such as surveys which sit outside of PEACEPLUS scope, is being discussed through Council's Financial Oversight

The Board is requested to note that the Delivery Programme Manager has identified there may be a requirement to request a further extension from SEUPB, linked to planning requirements and programmes from Design Teams.

3.10 Financial and Resource Implications

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

**3.11 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 note the contents of the report.

Dates of Next Meeting

The Partnership was reminded that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday, 1st December.

Chairperson