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11th December, 2018

MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

As previously notified to you, I enclose a copies of the reports for the following items to be considered at the meeting to be held at 9.30 am on Friday, 14th December, 2018.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

- 2. Restricted Items
 - (d) Progression of Cultural Programme Festival and Events (Pages 1 8)
- 6. Physical Programme and Asset Management
 - (c) Area Working Update (Pages 9 28)
- 8. **Equality and Good Relations**
 - (e) Minutes of the Meeting of the Shared city Partnership (Pages 29 40)



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Agenda Item 6c



STRATEGIC POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Subje	ect:	Area Working Update				
Date:		14 th December 2018				
Reporting Officer:		Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City & Neighbourhoo	od Se	rvices		
		Gerry Millar, Director of Property & Projects				
Conta	act Officer:	Geoff Dickson, Policy and Performance Analyst				
		Jamie Uprichard, Policy and Performance Analys	st			
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Is the	Is the decision eligible for Call-in?					
1.0	Purpose of Report	or Summary of main Issues				
1.1	To seek Members a	oproval of the minutes of the most recent round of	f AWG	s and	any a	additional
	recommendation to the SP&R Committee arising from the meetings.					
2.0	Recommendations					
2.1	The Committee is as	sked to:				
	AWG minutes					
	Approve the most recent round of AWG Minutes (West – 22 nd November and East – 29 th November) as attached at Appendix 1.		- 29 th			

3.0	Main report		
	KEY ISSUES		
	Area Working Group Minutes		
3.1	Members agreed in June 2016 that the Area Working Group minutes would be taken into the SP&R Committee for approval going forward in line with the Council's commitment to openness and transparency and to ensure a consistent approach with other Member-led Working Groups. Members are asked to approve the most recent round of AWG Minutes (<i>West – 22nd November</i>)		
	and East – 29 th November) as attached at Appendix 1.		
3.2	FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS		
	There are no additional financial implications contained within this report.		
3.3	EQUALITY OR GOOD RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS/RURAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT		
	No implications		
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached		
	Appendix 1 – Minutes of the Area Working Groups		

West Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 22nd November, 2018

MEETING OF WEST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillor Baker (Chairperson);

Alderman Kingston, and

Councillors Attwood, Beattie, Canavan, Carson, Collins,

Corr, Garrett, Hutchinson, Magennis, McConville,

Nic Biorna, O'Hara, and Walsh.

In attendance: Mr. J. Walsh, City Solicitor,

Mr. N. Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and

Neighbourhood Services;

Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects; Mrs. A. Allen, Neighbourhood Services Manager,

Mr. S. Lavery, Programme Manager;

Mr. G. Dickson, Policy and Performance Analyst; and

Mr. G. Graham, Democratic Services Assistant.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman McCoubrey

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 27th September were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor O'Hara declared that she was a Director of the Colin Glen Trust and Councillor Walsh declared that he was a representative on the Board of Governors of Colaiste Feirste

Decision Tracker

The Director of Property and Projects explained that the Decision Tracker document had been emailed to Members before the meeting and he provided the Working Group with a brief overview of actions taken since the last meeting held on 27th September.

Presentation - St John Bosco Boxing Club

Mr. Gerard McCafferty, St John Bosco Boxing Club attended in connection with this item and was welcomed by the Chairperson.

Mr. McCafferty provided the Working Group with an overview of the history in respect of St. John Bosco Boxing Club. He referred to the success of that club in producing a number of boxers who had competed in the Olympic Games. The Members were advised that the boxing club had no permanent premises and explained that it was operating out of premises, provided on a temporary basis, by Conway Mill. Mr. McCafferty referred to a project to provide new premises for the boxing club which had been developed by Sport N.I. He explained that operational issues, between it and the appointed architects, had caused significant delays in the project, which had not progressed in the past five years. The Members noted the unfortunate circumstances experienced by the boxing club and questioned whether additional funds could be provided, from other sources, to alleviate the financial burden placed on the club. The Director of Property and Projects, in response to a question from a Member, stated that funds attached to Peace IV had been allocated and suggested that it might be prudent to look at other potential funding streams.

Mr McCafferty referred to the cross community work which had been developed with Sandy Row Boxing Club and the Director suggested that it might be beneficial to attempt to secure funds from the Department for Communities in respect of the development proposals. The Members were advised that after funding which had been provided by both the Council and Sport N.I., there remained a deficit of approximately £40,000, this had been a direct result of rising costs, the original design had required modification and this in turn had required the installation of a new lift. Several Members expressed concern that the Council could be burdened with additional costs associated with the failure of an external organisation to develop the project.

The Director suggested that it might be prudent to raise the matter with Sport N.I. to highlight that the Department for Communities had a responsibility to oversee the development of the project.

After discussion, it was

Moved by Councillor Beattie, Seconded by Councillor Carson and

Resolved - that the Council consider providing additional funds of £40,000 to allow the project to be completed, subject to a fact finding exercise being undertaken in regard to the circumstances surrounding the project and the approval of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Furthermore, it was

Moved by Councillor Attwood, Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson and

Resolved that the Council write to Sport N.I. requesting an explanation in respect of how the project had been managed by them, to date, and how they intended to resolve the issue

The Director of Property and Projects undertook also to meet with the boxing club in an endeavour to gain an understanding of the full history of the application and to ascertain if there were any Building Control issues associated with the proposal and agreed further, to report back to the Working Group in the matter.

<u>Presentation – Mount Eagles/Lagmore Youth</u> And Community Association

Mr J. Duffy, West Belfast Partnership Board (W.B.P.B.) attended in connection with this item and was welcomed by the Chairperson.

Mr. Duffy provided the Working Group with background information in respect of the land located at Mount Eagles, seven acres of which had been gifted to Lagmore Youth and Community Organisation. He requested that the Working Group, in conjunction with the Council, investigate the possibility of adopting the land on behalf of that organisation given its potential to create a community corridor and much needed parkland facilities within the area. Mr Duffy referred to the community benefit associated with adopting the land and highlighted links to the Council's Community Planning and Belfast Agenda

It was agreed that should the project progress it could provide a much needed community facility linked to the local transport infrastructure network. However, the Working Group raised concerns in respect of the potential liability and costs, accruing to the Council, associated with adopting the land. In response to a question from a Member regarding the availability of Peace IV resources to fund the project, the Director of Property and Projects affirmed that the Council had been successful in drawing down money from that source. He stated however that, all potential development proposals would need to comply with strict adherence criteria, prior to any resources being allocated for that purpose.

After discussion, it was

Moved by proposed by Councillor Garrett, Seconded by Councillor Carson and

Resolved - that the Council explore the possibility of adopting the land identified at Mount Eagles for community development purposes and report back to the West Area Working Group.

Representation – Forbairt Feirste

Mr. J. MacSiacais, Mr. C. Mackel and Mr. P. O'Ruanai attended in connection with this item and were welcomed by the Chairperson.

Councillor Walsh having declared an interest previously in the matter left the meeting for the duration of the debate.

Mr. MacSiacais outlined the work which had been completed by Forbairt Feirste to develop lands at the Beechmount site. He raised concerns in respect of the decision by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 20th April, 2018, to rescind its previous decision to allocate preferred developer status to Forbairt Feirste.

The City Solicitor provided the Working Group with an update on the legal position underpinning the original decision to rescind preferred developer status which had been ratified by the Council. In particular, he affirmed that the conditions attached to allocating preferred developer status to Forbairt Feirste had not been met and that no development

had taken place for a period of approximately twelve years. He stated further that, no formal legal agreement in respect of the site between the Council and Forbairt Feirste had been enacted. The Director of Property and Projects concurred with the City Solicitor, stating that that no firm proposals had been received by Forbairt Feirste to develop the site and that the Council had been left with no option other than to develop the site inhouse. The City Solicitor clarified further that, Forbairt Feirste had only been allocated preferred developer status, in principle, and that they had not taken any action to complete a formal agreement with the Council.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Working Group, thanked the representatives of Forbairt Feirste for their presentation and they left the meeting

The Working Group undertook detailed discussions in respect of the validity of rescinding preferred developer status to Forbairt Feirste with a number of Members debating whether preferred developer status should be restored to that organisation, given their intention to implement phase 2 of their development proposals. It was also considered that, if the site was to be brought back into the Council, it would provide an opportunity for all potential developers to offer and bid for their development proposals.

Following consideration of the proposals by Forbairt Feirste, the City Solicitor, in response to a request from the Working Group, agreed to report back, formally, on the legal status associated with the removal of preferred developer status from Forbairt Feirste, thereby enabling the Working Group to agree its position on the future development of the site.

Peace IV Capital (Springfield Road) Programme

The Director of Property and Projects confirmed that the Council had been successful in drawing down money from the Peace IV Capital Programme and provided an update on the preparatory works which had been undertaken as part of that programme. He referred to a number of successful projects, including the Connswater Community Greenway. The Director stated that it was anticipated that the Springfield Dam capital project would commence in the summer of 2019 and that a specialist team had been appointed to deliver that project.

The Project Sponsor, in response to a further question from a Member, advised that the consultation process had been undertaken by way of face to face engagement events which would be followed up by a formal three month consultation process. She confirmed that a meeting with Sustrans would be arranged in order to agree the transport network associated with the development proposal, which would form an important element of the consultation process.

In response to a further question from a Member, in regard to the Springfield Dam project being brought forward, the Director of Property and Projects advised that the timeline was amended based on advice from planners. The Director agreed to speak to the planning team to determine if their timeline could be advanced to keep in line with the original schedule.

Noted

Physical Programme Update

The Director of property and projects submitted the undernoted report in respect of an update on the Council's Physical programme.

"1. Introduction

The Council's Physical Programme covers projects under a range of funding streams including the Capital Programme, the Leisure Transformation Programme, LIF, BIF, Social Outcome Fund (SOF), Peace IV and the projects that the Council is delivering in behalf of other agencies. This report outlines the status of projects under the Physical Programme.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to

- Note the contents of this report and the updates on LIF attached (Appendix 1)
- note the progress on St James Community Forum and Corpus Christi Youth Club
- note the successful LIF celebration event on 25th October 2018
- note the match funding received from DAERA on Colin Glen Trust BIF project
- note the update on Cherry Wildlife Garden Dunmurry

3. Local Investment Fund

To date 44 projects have received in principle support under LIF1 and LIF2. A summary of the status of the LIF projects is outlined below and a full progress report is attached to this report at Appendix 1.

	LIF 1		LIF 2	
Stage/ Description	Projects	Amount/ Value (£)	Projects	Amount/ Value (£)
Number of Projects Completed	25 (100%)	£1,567,500	12 (63%)	£850,788
Number of Projects On-going Delivery				
Number of Projects in Pre-construction			4 (21%)	£227,000
Number of Projects in Initial Stage (Due Diligence)			3 (16%)	£122,212
Total Number of Approved Projects	25	£1,567,500	19	£1,200,000

WLIF2-10 St James Community Forum – The project went through Due Diligence on 18th October 2018 subject to conditions. Preparation of funding agreement in progress.

WLIF2-14 Corpus Christi Youth Club – The project went through Due Diligence on 18th October 2018. Preparation of funding agreement in progress.

LIF Ceremony/ Dinner – AWG will note that the LIF Celebration at the City hall on 25th October 2018 was very successful event. There are about 230 attendees and the majority are coming from the respective community groups.

4. Belfast Investment Fund

To date 6 projects have received an in-principle funding commitment under BIF. There are 4 projects on the longer BIF list.

West	Stage 3—Davitts GAC—£1m; Raidío Fáilte—£950k; St Comgall's- £3.5m; Colin Glen Forest Park—£2.5m
	Stage 2—Glencairn Community Project— £700k; St Mary's CBS—
	no commitment
	Stage 1— Royal British Legion—£500k;
	An Sportslann; Suffolk Community Forum; Belfast Hills- Black
	Mountain Access—no commitment

Below are the brief updates on the projects that have received in-principle funding.

Project	Status and update
Davitts GAC	Project complete. Official launch still being decided by group. Council/ AWG to be kept updated. Monitoring exercise to be carried out.
Raidío Fáilte Project complete. Official launch still being decided by gro Council/ AWG to be kept updated. Monitoring exercise to carried out.	
St Comgall's	The project is progressing well with enabling works phase substantially completed. The design process is at stage 4 (Technical Design) with listed building consent application submitted. Procurement of a main works contractor is ongoing, with the final stage of the tender process due to take place early 2019.
Colin Glen Trust	Masterplan projects include Alpine Toboggan, zipline, driving range improvements and 3G pitch dome. Contractors on site for pitch and golf elements from Sept 2018- both due for completion by Dec 18/ Jan 19. DEARA Letters of Offer received for Alpine Toboggan (£500k) and Golf Driving Range (£402k).

Glencairn Community Project	Ongoing engagement with the group. Education Authority to confirm their position with regard to the project if capital funding is available.
Royal British Legion	West Councillors have spoken to the Group with a request they make contact with their assigned Project Officer in order to enable the project to be scoped. To date no contact despite numerous emails.

5. <u>Capital Programme</u>

The Capital Programme is the rolling programme of enhancing existing Council assets or building / buying new ones. Below is the status of the projects in West under the programme.

Project	Status and update
LTP - Andersonstown Regeneration	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground. Heron Bros are continuing to deliver against their social responsibility obligations on employment, community engagement and others.
LTP- Brook	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground. Heron Bros are delivering against their social responsibility obligations, to include McMillian Cancer Coffee Morning held at Brook.
Whiterock Community Corridor	Stage 3 – Committed. Phase 1 and 2 completed
Alleygating Phase 4 – City wide	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground
Playground Refurbishment Programme 2017/2018 – City wide	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground West - Hammer Playground – Start October 2018 – Completion January 2019
City Cemetery - Baby Plot Memorial	Stage 3 – Committed. Tender preparation stage. Designs underway
City Cemetery - HLF	Stage 3 – Committed. Scheme at Risk. HLF have awarded funding for the project
Falls Park Service Yard (part of Falls Park Masterplan)	Stage 2 – Uncommitted. OBC being worked up
Falls Park Masterplan	Stage 1 – Emerging project.
Old Golf Course Road (LGR)	Project awarded. Contractor on site and planned to completed by early 2019. Match funded by DfC
White Rise (LGR)	Project at initial stage. DfC match funding confirmed
Blacks Path (Dunmurry Station Footpath, LGR)	Project at initial stage. DfC match funding confirmed
Springfield Dam Park	Link to PEACE IV Shared Space Project. DfC match funding confirmed.

Cherry Wildlife Garden – The AWG, at its meeting on 27th September 2018 asked officers to look at possible works in the form of additional lighting and fencing at Twinbrook

Wildlife Garden. At this meeting it was highlighted that there were no resources available to fund these.

Members will be aware, through the recent round of Party Group briefings, that the key issue regarding capital programme projects is the overall affordability of the Programme. Currently there is a 'wish-list' of over 40 potential capital programme proposals which have come forward through the AWGs/Party Group and there is no capacity to deliver these. This proposal is only one a number of proposals that have come forwards in recent month's respect of lighting in open space/ park areas (other proposals have been put forward for Ormeau/ Cherryvale/ Musgrave). AWG is asked to note that Cherry Wildlife Garden -additional lighting has been added to the current 'wish list' of capital projects.

Members are asked to note that following the Party Group briefings and in light of the affordability issues raised above a paper on the overall physical programme and the challenges and implications going forward is being brought to SP&R on 23rd November with a number of proposed next steps. In the interim Council officers will engage with partners to see if there is any potential for other funding towards this.

6. Social Outcome Fund

To date projects have received an in-principle funding commitment under SOF. Below are the brief updates on the projects. Projects sponsors have been assigned to all these projects and are working with the groups

Project	Status and update
Rock Centre	Development of new tourism visitor centre. The purchase of the building has been made. Project was discussed at Due Diligence Board on 18 Oct 2018 and the Board sign-off the remaining funds for the completion of works. A Steering Group has been set up (by the group) to take the project forward with a view to securing funding of approximately £1.3 million for the capital works.
Belfast Orange Hall Museum	Disability Access to Museum/ Renovation of frontage on the Cultural Corridor. Project through Due Diligence on 20 Sept 2018. Funding agreement on process. Group requested that BCC would deliver the project. Officers are working towards the procurement of consultants to prepare the designs.
James Connolly Interpretative Centre	Development of a dedicated interactive exhibition, study area, library of Connolly's writing and tourist facilities. Project sign-off at Due Diligence on 18 Oct 2018, subject to conditions. Work progressing with group. It is intended the group will appoint a contractor by December 2018.
Shankill Mission	Development of a social economy training hotel. SOC and Business Plan presented to Due Diligence on 6 th Sept 2018. The overall scheme cost around £7m and no other funding

	secured aside from BCC £750k. Group is exploring the Heritage Enterprise Fund (HLF), bank loans and private investments. Work progressing with group
Roddy McCorley Museum	Development of a modern interpretative museum and existing grounds. Had initial meeting with group in May 18. Group now pulling together business plan and relevant paperwork to take to Due Diligence. Still awaiting paperwork from group as of Aug 18- (business plan not yet completed.)

7. Externally-funded programmes

Urban Villages Initiatives

Members are asked to note that Letters of Offer from Urban Villages have been received, for the Council as delivery agent, for the following projects;

Project	Status and update
Colin Allotments & Healthy Living Centre Improvements Project	Project went through Due Diligence on 19 Sept 2018, subject to conditions. Contractor procurement to start at end of November. Due on site in Jan/ Feb 2019
Footprints Women's Centre	Project went through Due Diligence on 19 Sept 2018, subject to conditions. Contractor procurement to start at end of November. Due on site in Jan/ Feb 2019

In addition to the above projects, Council Officers are working with the UV team to secure funding for the New Park at Colin project. DfC have agreed to transfer the lands to the Council at nil value."

The Director of Property and Projects provided the Working Group with an outline of the successful capital works undertaken by the Council, including the credibility attached to it as a developer attributed to work completed under its capital programme. In response to a question from a Member in regard to the provision of additional lighting and fencing at the Cherry Wildlife Garden, he confirmed that there was no additional resources available currently to fund that work and stated that requests for similar works in other Council parks and open spaces had been requested also. The Director stated that Officers would endeavour to engage with other external funding organisations to explore the possibility of securing additional resources for that purpose. He stated also that, he would endeavour to bring a report back to the Working Group, outlining the potential costs associated with undertaking the capital work requested by the Member.

Noted.

Chairperson

East Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 29th November, 2018

MEETING OF EAST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Alderman Haire (Chairperson);

Aldermen Copeland, McGimpsey, Rodgers

and Sandford; and

Councillors Dorrian, Johnston, Kyle, Long, McReynolds, Newton and O'Donnell.

In attendance: Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects;

Mrs. C. Taggart, Neighbourhood Services Manager; and

Mrs. L. McLornan, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from the High Sheriff (Councillor Howard), Councillors Graham and Mullan.

Minutes

The Working Group agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 4th October were an accurate record of proceedings.

Declarations of Interest

Alderman Sandford declared an interest in Item 3, Belfast Investment Fund, in so far as he was on the Board of Governors of Cregagh Primary School and he left the room for the duration of the discussion.

Alderman Rodgers declared an interest in Item 3, Belfast Investment Fund, in so far as he was an honorary member of Belmont Bowling Club.

Councillor Long declared an interest in Item 3, Belfast Investment Fund, in so far as he was a member of Bloomfield Presbyterian Church.

Presentations

<u>The Education Authority (EA) – Verbal Update</u>

The Chairperson reminded the Working Group that it had previously agreed to invite a representative from the Education Authority to discuss primary school provision in the east of the City, particularly in relation to the announcement that Forge Integrated Primary School (IPS) would relocate to the site of the former Knockbreda High School.

The Chairperson welcomed Mr. M. McConkey, Head of Area Planning in the Education Authority (EA), to the meeting.

Mr. McConkey outlined to the Working Group that the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Education had, on 16th April 2018, approved one of three development proposals for Forge IPS, namely, its relocation to the former Knockbreda High School site.

He added that two other linked proposals for the school were still under consideration, namely, to establish a 52 place part-time nursery unit and an Autistic Spectrum Disorder Centre (ASDC) and a General Learning Support Centre.

He confirmed to the Members that all of the surrounding primary schools had been consulted by the EA about the potential relocation of Forge IPS.

He outlined to the Working Group that Forge IPS already had a number of pupils from the BT5 and BT6 postcodes, and that its relocation to 0.8 miles from its current location was not considered to be detrimental to the sustainability of the surrounding controlled primary schools.

The Working Group thanked Mr. McConkey for his attendance and he retired from the meeting.

Department for Infrastructure – Living with Water Programme

The Chairperson welcomed Mrs. L. MacHugh, Director of Water and Drainage Policy, and Mr. S. Wightman, Programme Manager, to the meeting.

Mrs. MacHugh informed the Members that the Living With Water Programme was an Executive-led initiative which sought to develop a strategic drainage infrastructure plan for Belfast, in order to protect against flood risk, enhance the environment and support economic growth. She provided information around five key risks/challenges which underpinned the programme, namely, increased flooding risk, compliance with environmental legislation, constraints upon economic development arising from a lack of drainage and wastewater treatment capacity, asset maintenance and climate change.

Mr. Wightman provided details of fifteen 'work packages' which were being progressed in Belfast by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Northern Ireland Water and the Department for Infrastructure, many of which involved the Council. He confirmed that this was in effect a ten-year programme and that it involved surveying, modelling, planning and appraisal, as well as capital delivery. The overall cost would be in the region of £900 million. He concluded by pointing out that a resilient and sustainable wastewater and drainage infrastructure was necessary to ensure that the Council met its objectives through, for example, the Belfast Agenda.

After discussion, Mrs. MacHugh and Mr. Wightman were thanked by the Chairperson, following which the Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

Physical Programme Update

(Alderman Sandford declared in interest in this item and left the room for the duration of the discussion)

The Working Group considered the undernoted report:

"1. Introduction

Members will recall that on the recent Physical Programme Update on 4th October 2018, AWG have asked a detailed update on BIF projects. This report outlines the status of BIF projects in East Belfast.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to

- note the contents of this report
- note the update on Strand Arts Centre, Bloomfield Community Association and H&W Welders FC
- note the update on the BIF Outer East projects

3. <u>Belfast Investment Fund</u>

To date 9 projects have received an in-principle funding commitment under BIF. There are 4 projects on the longer BIF list. The respective project status is outlined below.

East	Stage 3—Willowfield—£560k (completed); H&W Welders—£2.37m; Strand— £1.8m; Bloomfield—£440k Stage 2—Lagan Village Youth & Community—no commitment
	Stage 1—East Belfast Mission; Belmont Bowling Club; Bloomfield Presbyterian Church—no commitment

	Stage 3 —TAGIT- £434k; Braniel—£390k; Hanwood—£396k; Castlereagh Presbyterian Church—£382k; Lisnasharragh Community Schools—£398k

Project	BIF Allocation	Status and update	
STAGE 3 – COMMITTED PROJECTS			
Strand Arts Centre	£1,800,000	RIBA Stage 1 Design development work is complete, supported by DfC.	
		Economic Appraisal has been completed and submitted to DfC to enable consideration of match funding for capital development.	
		Support has also been secured from Ulster Garden Villages for the next stage of development.	
		Agreed as a BIF project – 24th April 2015 (Stage 1- Emerging); 19th June 2015 (Stage 2-Uncommitted); 21st October 2016 (Stage 3-Committed)	
		East AWG in 6th October 2016 agreed that £1.8m of BIF would be ring- fenced for a period of two years, with an option to extend by a	

		further a year on the basis that it received additional funding from other sources which would enable the project to proceed.	
Bloomfield Community Association	£440,000	The preferred option leaves a shortfall of £178,000.	
		Agreed as a BIF project – 19th June 2014 (Stage 1- Emerging); 19th June 2015 (Stage 2-Uncommitted); 23rd September 2016 (Stage 3-Committed)	
		AWG in 3rd August 2017 agreed to give the organisation six months to attract partnership funding for the current shortfall which has been identified in the Economic Appraisal. This condition has already lapsed.	
		Discussions have been with DfC but to date no additional funding has been secured.	
H&W Welders Club- Blanchflower Playing Fields	£2,370,000	Project on-site. Contractor has just been appointed. Works now includes the Council owned 3G pith.	
Willowfield		COMPLETED	
STAGE 2 – UNCOMMITTED PROJECTS			
Lagan Village Youth & Community Centre	n/a	Economic appraisal underway. Due for completion by end of January 2019	

As Members are aware both the Strand Arts Centre project and the Bloomfield Community Association project are under pressure in terms of their budgets. It also must be noted that the figures which have been worked up for both projects are still high-level estimates.

In addition the SP&R decision on both projects is an 'inprinciple' funding decision based on securing match funding within set timescales. The timescale for Bloomfield has now lapsed while the 24 months for Strand Arts Centre expired at the end of October – as noted above the East AWG did reserve the right to extend this by an additional 12 months.

Members are asked to note that both the Strand Arts Centre and Bloomfield Community Association have worked hard to secure additional funding from external sources. Both the Groups and officers have held several discussions with Department for Communities (DfC) which have shown initial support however until now no additional funding have been secured for these projects. The Strand is also actively seeking additional support for their project.

Next Steps

The East AWG is asked to note that the Council, through the Director of Property & Projects, has now formally written to DfC to requesting for clarification/ confirmation on whether these projects are included in their priority list in order to ascertain if there is any realistic chance of either project securing match funding. This will aide any future considerations for the East AWG. It is recommended that the East AWG await the responses from DFC and an update on the outcome of the discussions with DFC on both projects will be reported back in due course to the AWG.

The East AWG are also reminded on their agreement on 5th January 2017 that Lagan Village Youth & Community Group (currently at Stage 2) should be considered first, if any BIF funding became available.

BIF Outer East

Members will recall that Committee have agreed in August 2017 to ringfenced BIF allocation of £2million for Outer East. The projects are; TAGIT Boxing Club; Braniel Church; Hanwood; Castlereagh Presbyterian Church and Lisnasharragh Community Schools project. The respective project status is detailed below.

Project	BIF Allocation	Status and update		
STAGE 3 – COMMITTED PROJECTS				
TAGIT Boxing Club	£434,000	EA completed and presented to AWG in March 2018 – at this stage it was highlighted to Members that the cost for the preferred option (£484k) was over the in principle BIF allocation costs. Group have initial discussion with DfC for other sources of funding.		
		Council is acting as delivery agent of the project. Project to proceed with the appointment of design team to work up the detailed designs.		
Braniel Church	£390,000	Officer have meet Group representatives on 23 rd October 2018 to discuss a number of concerns raised at the Church's Property Board. It was agreed that representatives of Braniel Church would consider the options presented to include re-scoping the project works to meet the BIF budget. Council is acting as delivery agent of the project.		
Hanwood Project	£396,000	Discussed at Due Diligence on 24 th October. Procurement for Design Team has commenced. Members are asked to note that the legal risk regarding outstanding charges have now been mitigated. There are a number of minor project issues which are being resolved. Council is acting as delivery agent of the project.		

Lisnasharragh Community Schools Project	£398,000	Meeting with Education Authority NI as proprietor and potential delivery agent has been sought. Discussed at Due Diligence on 24 th October 2018. Project issues include; 1) Funding shortfall - per economic appraisal preferred optionestimated project cost of £528k ex. VAT - £130k over budget 2) Delivery - arrangement being explored with EANI 3) Governance- given there are 2 schools involved and EANI, need to determine the lead organisation. Group have discussion with political representatives and EANI in the hope of securing the funding shortfall.
Castlereagh Presbyterian Church	£382,000	Discussed at Due Diligence on 24th October 2018. There are some outstanding legal matters that have been referred to the group for follow up i.e. title deeds, deed of trustees, etc. Funding shortfall remains – EA preferred option is £559k ex VAT - £177k over budget. Group have explored other funding options and a potential funder has been identified however the project needs to have Planning Application in place.

Members are reminded of the following note that was provided in March 2018 – 'Members are asked to note that the figures in each of the EA's are indicative only at this stage and are based on estimates. The final figures will only be known once tenders are returned. Members are asked to note that if these projects are moved to Stage 3 – Committed that a maximum BIF allocation is recommended and that projects will be subject to a satisfactory tender being returned within budgetary limits. All projects are also being moved subject to a number of caveats and all projects will be subject to the going through the Council's due-diligence process.'

Next Steps

Members are asked to note that each BIF project in Outer East will now move to appoint the design teams to further work up the project details, when appropriate to do so. Members are already aware that many of the projects have funding shortfalls based on current estimates and that the Groups and officers are actively looking at ways to address these shortfalls. The outcome of the more detailed project designs and costs will be presented to the AWG in their future meeting for further consideration."

After discussion, the Working Group:

- noted the contents of the report;
- agreed that the Director of Property and Projects would update the Working Group on the outcome of his meeting with the Strand Arts Centre at the next meeting; and

 agreed that a copy of the letter from the Director of Property and Projects to the Lisnasharragh Schools project would be circulated to the Members of the Area Working Group.

Date of Future Meetings

The Working Group agreed that it would meet at 5p.m. on the following dates in 2019:

- Thursday, 3rd January;
- Thursday, 7th February;
- Thursday, 7th March; and
- Thursday, 4th April.

Chairperson



Agenda Item 8e

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Subjec	Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting on 10 th December			er 20	018	
Date:		14th December 2018				
Reporting Officer: Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Ser				Ser	vices	
Contac	ct Officer:	Nicola Lane, Good Relations Manager				
Restric	ted Reports					
Is this	report restricted?		Yes		No	X
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	Never					
Call-in						
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?						
4.0	D (D)					
1.0		or Summary of main Issues report is to report to committee on the key is	ssues disc	ussed :	at the	
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	Shared City Partnership meeting held on 10th December 2018.					
2.0	Recommendations	5				
2.1	That the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approve the minutes and the					
	recommendations from the Shared City Partnership Meeting held on 10th December 2018				2018	
	including:					
	The Partners	ship recommended to the Strategic Policy an	d Resourc	es Con	nmitte	ee that
	it approve th	e Good Relations Monitoring Report Action	Plan.			
3.0	Main report					
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	Key Issues					
3.1	The Shared City Pa	rtnership (formerly known as the Good Rela	itions Part	nership) is	а
	Working Group of the	ne Strategic Policy and Resources Committe	ee which	consists	s 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.					
3.2	The key issues on the agenda at the December meeting were:					
	Request to present to the Shared City Partnership					
	2. Update on Peace IV Programme					
	3. Update on Good Relations Strategy					
	4. Monitoring Outcomes Report Action Plan					
	5. Update on Christmas Goodwill Events					
	6. Upcoming Good Relations Events					
	7. Update on IFI Consent Paper					
3.3	More details regarding the above issues and recommendations are included in the minutes of the meeting attached as an appendix.					
3.4	Financial & Resource Implications					
	All financial implications are covered through existing budgets					
3.5	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment					
	The recommendations of the Partnership promote the work of the Council in promoting					
	good relations and will enhance equality and good relations impacts. There are no rural					
	needs associated with this report.					
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached					
	Appendix 1 - Copy of the minutes of the Shared City Partnership of 10 th December 2018.					

SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY 10th DECEMBER, 2018

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson);

Alderman Sandford; and

Councillors Attwood, Johnston and Walsh.

External Members: Mr. M. Baker, Education Authority;

Mr. K. Gibson, Church of Ireland;

Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;

Mr. P. Mackel, Belfast and District Trades Union Council; Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector; and

Mr. P. Scott, Catholic Church.

In attendance: Mrs. R. Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services;

Miss. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager; Mrs. D. McKinney, Programme Manager; and Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Councillor Armitage and Ms. B. Arthurs, Mrs. O. Barron, Mr. J. Currie, Mr. J. Donnelly, Mrs. G. Duggan, Mrs. J. Hawthorne, Mr. A. Cole, Mr. M. O'Donnell and Ms. A. M. White.

Resignation

The Partnership was advised that Mr. R. Murdie had resigned from the Shared City Partnership as he had taken on a different role within the PSNI.

The Partnership noted the contribution that Mr. Murdie had made to the Partnership and that replacement for the vacant position would be sought from the PSNI.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 5th November were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

Schedule of Meetings 2019

The Partnership noted the following schedule of meetings for the Shared City Partnership between January and April, 2019:

Monday, 14th January;

Monday, 11th February;

Monday, 11th March; and

Monday, 8th April.

Request to Present to the Shared City Partnership

The Partnership agreed to receive a presentation at the January meeting from the Integrated Education Fund in respect of integrated education and how it aligns with Belfast City Council's commitment to good relations.

Update on Peace IV

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

"1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

Implementation and delivery of the Belfast PEACE IV Local Action Plan is progressing as outlined in Appendix I.

Children and Young People (CYP)

Tech Connects (Ashton Community Trust), Playing Our Part in the City (Active Communities Network), Young Advocates (Cooperation Ireland) and Networks (NI Housing Executive) all projects within CYP's first round of funding are all mobilised and are currently working towards achieving their interim targets for year 1 of their delivery model. Although as members are aware the interim targets remain a challenge, the Council is providing support to projects to enable the achievement of the targets.

The tender call for the delivery of On the Right Track! Sports training element working with young people and sports clubs is currently open. This project has been rebranded from Gamechanger. The tender call for the Personal Change Element of this project has just closed and applications and will be assessed and awarded by mid-December, with the view to beginning delivery early in 2019. This project was approved as a part of the rebid activity earlier in 2018.

Building Positive Relations (BPR)

BPR2 - Creative Communities is progressing well with positive feedback from community engagement.

The contract for BPR5 – Supporting Connecting Communities has been awarded to consortium led by Northern Ireland Alternatives. Mobilisation actions are underway with key strategic partners and local community organisations to form the Neighbourhood Forums.

The re-scoping of the Traveller and Roma element has been approved by SEUPB. Tender and quotation opportunities will be open in the coming weeks.

NIHE is awaiting the formal letter of offer from SEUPB prior to commencement of BPR1 Cross Community Networks project.

Shared Space and Services (SSS)

The planning application for the Springfield Dam Park masterplan project (joint funded by SEUPB and DfC) will be submitted over the coming weeks, following a 3 month community consultation. In terms of the wider 'necklace', over the coming months there will engagement activity with key community stakeholders to seek feedback on the draft proposals – a scoping exercise has been conducted to inform this process, focusing on linking Springfield Road/Dam northwards towards Woodvale Park; Paisley Park and Glencairn. The feedback and discussions as part of this engagement process will input not only to the capital project proposals but also to inform the development of community lead, area based programmes/initiatives under the SSS Programming element.

Rebid

A response to the pre commencement and implementation conditions has been submitted to SEUPB. The Council is awaiting SEUPB confirmation to progress the rebid modification on the electronic monitoring system (eMS). However the mobilisation of projects is progressing as outlined above.

Financial & Resource Implications

To date the value of claims (period 1 January 2015 – period 15 July 2018) submitted to the SEUPB for reimbursement totals £315,400.00. Processing of claim period 15, 1st May 2018 – 31st July 2018, is ongoing. To date £203,084.98* relating to expenditure across all 3 themes up to and including claim period 14, 1st February 2018 – 30th April 2018, has been reimbursed to Council with all expenditure verified as eligible. *£200,019.31 relates to Council expenditure and £3,065.67 relates to NIHE partner delivery expenditure for claim period 14.

<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs</u> Assessment

The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015."

The Programme Manager advised the Members that the challenging interim targets were unlikely to be fully achieved. It was anticipated that 80% of the 1060 target would be achieved.

In response to a query from a Member, she advised that implications of the targets need to be discussed with the SEUPB. She advised that the issue of the interim target had been raised with the SEUPB on a number of occasions, including during a meeting with its Chief Executive. She advised that the Members would be further updated on discussions with the SEUPB around this matter.

The Partnership noted the update provided.

Update on Draft Good Relations Strategy

The Good Relations Manager provided the Partnership with an update in respect of the development of the new Good Relations Strategy.

Following the update given to the Members at the November meeting of the Partnership she advised that, as agreed, the draft report had been referred to the November meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for its consideration and approval. At this meeting, the Committee had requested that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee which would give consideration to the wording of a notice of motion regarding the definition of anti-Semitism which was also being considered at the November meeting and which the Committee had felt might impact on the Good Relations Strategy and the associated policies.

The Members noted that this deferment had resulted in a delay in respect of the public consultation which it was anticipated would now commence in January, pending the approval of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and subsequent Council ratification.

The Partnership noted that the following dates had been provisionally scheduled:

- 17th January, 1.00 p.m. 2.00 p.m. launch of public consultation at Crumlin Road Jail;
- 21st February, 12.00noon 2.00 p.m. engagement event at Girdwood;
- 26th February, 7.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m. engagement event at Crescent Arts Centre;
- 4th March, 1.00 p.m. 3.00 p.m. engagement event at East Belfast Networking Centre; and
- 7th March, 12.00noon 2.00 p.m. engagement event at Colin Allotments.

The Members were encouraged to attend the launch of the public consultation to show the multi sector support for the Strategy.

The Partnership noted the update provided.

Monitoring Outcomes Report Action Plan

The Partnership considered the following report:

"1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To provide a prioritised action plan based on the recommendations contained within the Good Relations Outcome Monitoring Report in relation to a future outcomes monitoring framework.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 To ask the Shared City Partnership to consider the action plan document and recommend its adoption to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approve the Action Plan.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

- 3.1 As part of the review of the Shared City Partnership members requested that officers should develop a framework to capture the good relations outcomes that are achieved through the work of the Good Relations Unit, including the Belfast City Council District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP) and that would relate to the good relations outcomes contained in the Belfast Agenda.
- 3.2 The Good Relations Unit also had a requirement to report on the outcomes delivered through the 2017/18 DCGRP and these two requirements were combined in one exercise.
- 3.3 SJ Consultancy was appointed to carry out this work. The consultant engaged with a range of stakeholders including the Shared City Partnership and participants on the DCGRP over the period May July 2018. A copy of the full report was provided to members along with an update at the October meeting. The report is attached at Appendix 1 for ease of reference.
- 3.4 Further to approval of the SCP and Council, Officers have drawn up a prioritised action plan to address the recommendations in the report given the extensive number (19), This Action Plan will help to prioritise the steps to the development of the outcomes framework.
- 3.5 Members will be aware that one of the recommendations advised that a further resource was required to implement the recommendations, particularly in relation to the production of a simplified process and training for groups and programmes funded under the DCGRP.
- 3.6 As reported at the October meeting, TEO had advised that additional funds for the Programme were available n year and a request for funding towards a resource for monitoring resource

was submitted and approved. The recruitment process is currently being undertaken for this resource which is funded until 31 March 2019. An extension of 1 year will be included in the 19/20 application to TEO to allow for the process to be embedded within the programme thus creating the capacity to capture the outcomes robustly in a sustainable model.

3.7 Members are asked to consider the action plan and to recommend its adoption to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Financial & Resource Implications

This work was undertaken through existing resources within the DCGRP. The report highlighted a need to review the capacity of the Unit to capture the outcomes delivered through its work. TEO has allocated additional funds to cover 75% of the required costs of the monitoring resource with Council match funding 25%. A further bid for funding will be included in the 19/20 application to TEO.

Equality or Good Relations Implications//Rural Needs Assessment

The development of a process to capture good relations outcomes will be equality screened to ensure that there are no negative good relations/equality/ Rural Needs Assessment implications."

The Good Relations Manager advised the Members that she had met with representatives from TEO who had offered comments in respect of the action plan and that these would be followed up in due course.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it approve the Good Relations Monitoring Report Action Plan.

Update on Funding Awards for Christmas Goodwill Events

The Partnership was asked to note that, as agreed at the last meeting, the funding of £3,000 that had been allocated to this programme of works had been awarded under the delegated authority of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhood Services and the following successful organisations had been notified:

- Duncairn Community Partnership cross-community Christmas event to be held on 7th December, in McCrory Hall, Duncairn Gardens;
- Shankill Women's Centre cross-community Christmas Market, including children's play area at Lanark Way to be held on 1st December;
- Forthspring Inter Community Group to hold 2 shared Christmas events during the week commencing December 17th, for children, young people and adult community members resident on both sides of our local interface wall that separates the Shankill/Woodvale and Clonard/Springfield communities;

- Greater Whitewell Community Surgery cross-community 'Santa's Adventure Trail' with 28 youth participates from the Whitewell area, 11th December;
- North Belfast Interface Network cross-community Christmas Event to be held on 15th December in the Ambulance Station, Crumlin Road; and
- Springfield Star A cross-community youth football tournament to attract 6
 youth teams and to be held across the first three weeks in December.

Following a query from a Member in respect of participation numbers at events which received Council funding, the Good Relations Manager confirmed that an evaluation would be undertaken with the funded organisations following the events and a report would be submitted to a future meeting.

Monthly Update on Good Relations Events

The Good Relations Manager drew the Members' attention to the forthcoming events, as detailed below:

Event	Date	Contact	How to register
Diversecity - Visit to	22 nd Jan	Leish	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or
Belfast Jewish	10am – 12pm	Dolan, ext:	telephone 02890 270663
Synagogue		6028	
2019 regional Holocaust	24th January	Free public	hmd@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk
Memorial Day event	Evening event	event led	
City Hall	_	by TEO	

Noted.

<u>Update on International Fund For Ireland (IFI) Consent Paper</u>

The Partnership considered the following report which was tabled at the meeting in relation to the IFI Peace Walls Programme.

"1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To update the Partnership on feedback from the International Fund for Ireland's Peace Walls Programme (IFI PWP) on the Partnership's comments regarding the IFI's proposed Consent paper regarding community support for barrier removal.

2.0 Recommendations

That the Partnership note the comments below from the IFI Peace Walls Programme in relation to the Partnership's response to the IFI paper regarding community support for barrier removal.

That the Partnership advise IFI of their wish to be kept updated of progress regarding the concept of community consent.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

The Partnership provided comment on a proposed Consent Paper from IFI presented to the Partnership at September's meeting. The SCP feedback was presented to the IFI PWP in November 2018 and IFI has requested that thanks be conveyed to the Partnership for their attention to the draft Consent Paper.

- IFI advised that the SCP response to the paper was, 'by far the most detailed and useful response received,' The points raised were subsequently discussed at the Peace Walls group meeting in November.
- A key issue raised in the SCP paper related to the proposal to include a quasi-legal Review Process in cases where an impasse developed between the wishes of local people and the agency or Department with responsibility for the Peace Wall/Barrier. Groups accept totally that the Review process proposed brought its problems and required more discussion/guidance. They included it in the hope that it would prompt a good discussion at the October meeting with the stakeholder agencies so that it could be built upon with the benefit of knowledge. collective thinking and including clarification on what might be legally feasible.
- It is such an important issue impacting progress on removal/reduction of barriers. The groups believe a set of agreed Guidelines for the Consent aspect of the delivery of TBUC 2023 is essential to progress, consistency and transparency as, indeed, is the need for a strategy for the delivery of TBUC 2023 itself.
- Thanks to the Partnership for their contribution to date was expressed again and a wish to keep the Partnership updated on progress.

Financial & Resource Implications

None.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None. The IFI PWP is designed to bring communities together either side of an interface to develop positive relations and support the T:BUC headline Action on 'removal of all barriers by 2023."

The Partnership noted the update provided.

Chairperson

