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**Belfast
City Council**

21st February, 2019

MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Friday, 22nd February, 2019 at 9.30 am, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

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- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

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Subject:	Motion: Cycling Infrastructure – North Foreshore
Date:	22nd February, 2019
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager
Contact Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Cycling Infrastructure – North Foreshore, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 4th February.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> At the meeting of the Council held on 4th February, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor McAllister and seconded by Councillor McReynolds, was, in accordance with Standing Order 13(f), referred to the Committee for consideration:

	<p>“Given the ambitious plans behind the North Foreshore and the Giants Park, in particular around the enhancement of tourism and leisure in Giants Park, it is of vital importance that connectivity of active travel between North Belfast and the Giants Park is maximised in the immediate future.</p> <p>As the Council will continue to have ownership of roads in the area, this is an opportunity to provide leadership to enhance cycling infrastructure in this part of the City, with the long term ambition to better connect North Belfast to the City centre, and beyond.</p> <p>Therefore, the Council agrees to establish plans to work alongside the Active Travel unit within the Council that will oversee the creation of cycling infrastructure and will write to the Department for Infrastructure calling upon it to enhance the neglected cycling infrastructure in the surrounding area of the North Foreshore and wider North Belfast.”</p>
3.2	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.



Subject:	Motion: Climate Change
Date:	22nd February, 2019
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager
Contact Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Climate Change, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 4th February.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> At the meeting of the Council held on 4th February, the following motion, which was proposed by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor McDonough Brown, and seconded by Councillor McReynolds, was, in accordance with Standing Order 13(f), referred to the Committee for consideration:

	<p>“This Council agrees that Climate Change is one of the biggest global challenges of our time, affirms that the Council has an important leadership role in creating a low carbon future and, accordingly, agrees that officers prepare a report into establishing the carbon footprint of the Council and recommend steps to work towards reducing this.”</p>
3.2	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<p>None.</p>



Subject:	Motion: Statues in City Hall Grounds
Date:	22nd February, 2019
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager
Contact Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Statues in City Hall Grounds, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 4th February.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> At the meeting of the Council held on 4th February, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Beattie, and seconded by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Hargey, was, in accordance with Standing Order 13(f), referred to the Committee for consideration:

	<p>“This Council agrees to address the imbalance of statues in the grounds of Belfast City Hall, as set out in the EQIA.</p> <p>The current statues largely represent the Unionist/British tradition, with no reflection afforded to the Republican tradition.</p> <p>The Irish Congress of Trade Unions proposed in writing to the Chief Executive on 2nd March, 2016 that a statue of Winifred Carney be installed, due to her history and success in Belfast.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Council agrees that a permanent statue of Winifred Carney be installed to address that imbalance.”</p>
3.2	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.



Subject:	Update on Motion: Community Pharmacies
Date:	22 nd February, 2019
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager, ext 6314
Contact Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager, ext 6314

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

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a response which has been received from Mr. Richard Pengelly, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, in relation to the Council's motion on Community Pharmacies.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the response and take any such action as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Council, at its meeting on 3rd December, passed the following motion on Community Pharmacies, which had been proposed by Alderman Copeland and seconded by Councillor Mullan:</p>

	<p>“This Council recognises the contribution to society made by Community Pharmacies and notes with growing concern the current financial crisis facing the sector, caused by a serious level of underfunding over the last decade.</p> <p>The Council agrees to seek an urgent meeting between the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health and an all-party delegation from the Council, along with representatives of the Pharmacies.”</p>
3.2	Letters were forwarded subsequently to Mr. G. Greene, Chief Executive of Community Pharmacy NI and to Mr. R. Pengelly, Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health, in relation to the motion.
3.3	The Chief Executive of Community Pharmacy NI confirmed shortly afterwards that he would be willing to meet with an all-Party delegation from the Council and with the Permanent Secretary to discuss the motion. A response has now been received from Mr. Pengelly, a copy of which is attached.
3.4	Mr. Pengelly affirms the Department of Health’s and the Belfast Health and Social Care Board’s commitment to developing sustainable funding arrangements for community pharmacy services which support patient outcomes in the context of new pharmacy contractual arrangements. He explains that, as a result of ongoing discussions with Community Pharmacy NI, his Department had, in November, announced additional funding of £11.1 million to support community pharmacy services up to March 2020. That was in addition to £104 million per annum confirmed for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 and £5 million per annum for public health and pre-registration training. Since the aforementioned announcement, a further £4.6 million had been made available to support transformational change within the community pharmacy network.
3.5	<p>Mr. Pengelly concludes by pointing out that the Department of Health has committed £121.7 million to the community pharmacy economy during 2018/2019, at a time of significant financial pressures within the wider health and social care service and trusts that this provides assurance to Members of his Department’s commitment to community pharmacy. No reference is made, however, to the request to meet with an all-Party delegation from the Council and with Community Pharmacy NI, as alluded to in Alderman Copeland’s motion.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>

	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Document Attached
	Response from the Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, including press release.

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**From the Permanent Secretary
and HSC Chief Executive**



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Date: 12th February 2019

Dear Mr Downey,

COMMUNITY PHARMACY FUNDING

Your letter of 17 December 2018 (received on 27 December 2018) refers in which you provided details of a motion passed by Belfast City Council concerning funding of community pharmacies and a request for a meeting with an all-party delegation from the Council.

This Department and the Health and Social Care Board have been fully committed to finding a way forward to develop sustainable funding arrangements for community pharmacy services that support patient outcomes in the context of new pharmacy contractual arrangements.

In that context, and as a result of ongoing discussions with Community Pharmacy Northern Ireland (CPNI), the Department was pleased to announce in November a financial package of £11.1m by way of additional funding to support community pharmacy services up to March 2020. This funding is in addition to £104m funding per annum confirmed for 2018/19 and 2019/20 and £5m per annum for public health and pre-registration training.

A copy of the press release setting out more detail on the funding package is attached for information and is also available from: www.health-ni.gov.uk/news/additional-funding-announced-community-pharmacy/

Since that announcement on 16 November 2018 a further £4.6m has also been made available to support transformational change within the community pharmacy network.

In summary, the Department has committed £121.7m to the community pharmacy economy during 2018/19 at a time of significant financial pressures within the wider HSC. I trust that this provides assurance to members of the Department's commitment to community pharmacy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Pengelly'.

RICHARD PENGELLY

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PRESS RELEASE

Additional funding announced for Community Pharmacy

Date published: 16 November 2018

A new funding package for community pharmacies has today been announced by the Department of Health.

The additional allocations of up to £11.1m will be made available up to March 2020.

The new package is in addition to £104m per year funding confirmed for 2018/19 and 2019/20.

The additional allocations announced today comprise:

- £9m being made available across Northern Ireland up to 31 March 2020 to address immediate pressures within the community pharmacy network and support services for patients in social care settings. This additional funding will include extra support for pharmacies in rural locations;
- Transformation funding of up to £2.1m being made available immediately for launch of a Pharmacy First service for this winter season, which will be the first point of contact for patients for the treatment of a range of common conditions.

Consideration is also being given to further proposals for transformation funding to increase access to pharmaceutical care for patients, utilise the expertise of pharmacists, promote professional cooperation and build capacity in the health system

Today's announcement is the outcome of discussions with Community Pharmacy Northern Ireland (CPNI) and builds on the draft Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the Department, the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) and CPNI to develop new contractual arrangements.

Richard Pengelly, Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health, said: **"Community pharmacies are often the first point of contact for patients seeking advice on their health, accessing the safe supply of medicines, treatment of common complaints and important public health services. The additional funding being announced today will help ensure that local populations have access to the most visited provider among all of the health services available."**

"We are very mindful of the growing pressures facing community pharmacists in different parts of the province. Officials from the Department and the Health and Social Care Board have been working very hard to make today's announcement possible."

"I would like to thank the individual community pharmacy contractors who I met personally to discuss the challenges facing their businesses."

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Subject:	Updated Scheme of Delegation
Date:	22 February 2019
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor / Director of Legal & Civic Services
Contact Officer:	Sarah Williams, Programme Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to submit for approval amendments to the Scheme of Delegation.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	It is recommended that Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve the updated Scheme of Delegation • agree the addition of the word 'material' in the powers relating to Houses in Multiple Occupation to reflect the corresponding change made to the Standing Orders agreed in November 2018
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Scheme of Delegation has been updated to reflect:

3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational changes • What general powers cannot be delegated from Chief Officers to Operational Directors • The sections relating to the Strategic Directors of City & Neighbourhood Services and of Place and Economy specifically list their Operational Directors • The transfer of powers relating to Houses in Multiple Occupation (including the addition of the word 'material' to reflect the corresponding change made to the Standing Orders agreed by this committee in November 2018) • A new delegated power relating to the approval process of Single Tender Actions • Provisions relating to the organisation of events on the Connswater Greenway (agreed by People & Communities in April 2018) • Removal of a provision (3.6.4) which is already provided for in 2.4.3 • Additional relevant legislation has been added to Appendix B <p>The Scheme will be updated further following the departure of the Director of Property & Projects.</p>
3.3	An annual review of the relevant remaining Constitution documents will be brought to the new Council in June.
3.4	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None.
3.5	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Updated Scheme of Delegation

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL 2017



Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers

Ratified by Council in June 2017

Last minor update – January 2018

Version 2.2

Version	Changes	Date	Author
1.0	New version of Scheme of delegation	March 2015	Russell Connelly / Sandra Donnelly
1.1	Updated with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational and legislative changes • Planning-related changes • Licensing-related changes 	November 2016	Sarah Williams
1.2	Updated with amendments relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BWUH Ltd • Innovation Factory • Building Control • Cleansing Services • Environmental Health • Parks & Leisure • Planning 	November 2016	Sarah Williams
2.0	Updated with amendments relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Planning & Place as recommended by Planning Committee in March 2017 and Licensing Committee in December 2016 • Recent organisational changes agreed at SP&R in November 2016 and January 2017 • A new clause to provide clarity on Building Control powers related to dual-language street signs • An amended clause to enable Environmental Health to cancel the registration of a number of food businesses as required under the new Food Law Code of Practice (Northern Ireland) 2016 <p>Approved at Strategic Policy and Resources on 19th May and ratified by Council on 1st June 2017</p>	April 2017	Sarah Williams
2.1	Updated with clause relating to special events on roads - 3.8.8 (o). Two minor amendments made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - move Pavement Café legislation reference from Appendix C to Appendix B - reference to Appendix B in 3.8.2 changed to Appendix C <p>Approved at Strategic Policy and Resources on 22nd September and ratified by Council on 2nd October 2017</p>	October 2017	Sarah Williams
2.2	Appendix B updated to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015 	January 2018	Sarah Williams

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 <p>As per email request from Joanne Delaney (27/10/17) and Siobhan Toland 30/10/17. Minor amendments made using delegated power 3.3.12.</p>		
<u>3.0</u>	<p><u>Updated with amendments relating to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Recent organisational changes</u> - <u>The addition of a provision to clarify what powers cannot be delegated from Chief Officers to Operational Directors (1.7)</u> - <u>The Connswater Greenway as agreed by P&C on 12/04/18 (3.6.24 and 3.6.25)</u> - <u>Houses of Multiple Occupancy as agreed by SP&R on 24/11/18 (3.6.27 the word 'material' has been added to reflect corresponding changes agreed to the Standing Orders)</u> - <u>Remove a provision (3.6.24) which is already provided for in the General Delegated Functions (2.4.3)</u> - <u>Added a new provision to reflect the Single Tender Action process which is approved through the Commercial Panel (2.5.4)</u> - <u>Moving a provision relating to the City Solicitor which was included under the former Director of Planning and Place (3.3.12)</u> <p><u>Appendix B updated to include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>The Sea Fishing (Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018</u> - <u>Consumer Rights Act 2015</u> - <u>Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001</u> - <u>The Waste (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007</u> - <u>The Cremation (Belfast) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961</u> 	<u>February 2019</u>	<u>Sarah Williams</u>

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SCHEME OF DELEGATION

SECTION 1: PURPOSE AND INTERPRETATION

Section 1: Purpose and Interpretation

Purpose of the Scheme of Delegation

1.1 Part 8, paragraph 49(2) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 requires local authorities to maintain a list:

- (a) specifying those **powers** of the council which are **exercisable by officers** of the council; in pursuance of arrangements made under this Act or any other statutory provisions for their discharge by those officers; and
- (b) stating the **title of the officer** by whom each of the powers so specified is so exercisable

except in cases where the arrangements for discharge by officers are for a specified period not exceeding six months.

1.2 In addition Section 31(1) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 also requires a council to produce a separate Scheme of Delegation detailing planning application decisions that can be delegated to officers; planning applications that must be decided by Committee and; arrangements for requesting applications to be brought to Committee that might otherwise be delegated. The delegations to the Licensing and Planning Committees are contained within the Committee terms of reference in the Council's Standing Orders documentation.

1.3 By delegating responsibility for specific duties to Chief Officers, Members will have more opportunity to concentrate on the most important strategic decisions of council policy including both corporately significant decisions and service delivery issues. This will allow officers to deal with operational issues in a more expedient way and reduce the overall administrative burden on the political process. Delegated authority is designed to aid the integrated management of the organisation, the effective deployment of resources and the efficient delivery of services and this Scheme should therefore be considered in that light.

1.4 The purpose of the Scheme is, therefore, to set out the decisions and authorisations which Members agree Chief Officers can make or grant without any further reference to Council or Committees. This authorisation will be conditional upon Committees receiving regular assurance on the application of the Scheme as set out in the reporting section ahead.

1.5 Decisions made by officers under delegated authority are not subject to reconsideration under 'Call-in' Part 7, paragraph 41 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, which applies only to decisions made by the Council or a Committee of the Council, the procedure for which is detailed in Standing Orders paragraph 47.

1.6 The delegations in this Scheme should be interpreted widely to assist with the smooth running of the organisation, the effective deployment of resources, the efficient delivery of services, and the achievements of the Council's goals.

General Principles of delegation

The Chief Executive and Chief Officers are empowered, through this Scheme, to make decisions on behalf of the Council in accordance with the following general principles:

Chief Officers - Rules on application of the Scheme of Delegation

1.7 The term 'Chief Officer' includes those titled officers as defined in Appendix A. ~~Authority to take decisions and other actions under the Scheme should be exercised in the name of the delegated officer but not necessarily personally by them. Chief Officers may sub-delegate any of their delegated powers to their deputies or such other officer(s) as they may consider appropriate except powers 2.2.4, 2.2.7, 2.4.4 and 2.5.2 (the award of contracts below £100,000 can be delegated). Such delegations need not be evidenced in writing. Chief Officers will remain accountable for decisions taken by their deputies.~~

1.71.8 In the absence or unavailability of the officer to whom a function is delegated, the function may be exercised by the officer(s) responsible for the performance of their duties during such absence.

1.81.9 In a case where the exercise of a delegated power involves considerations within the remit of another Chief Officer, the Chief Officer exercising the power shall consult with that other Chief Officer prior to taking any final decision.

1.91.10 A Chief Officer may only exercise a delegated function under this Scheme subject to, and in accordance with -

- the agreed plans (including but not limited to Community, Corporate, Departmental and Improvement Plans), strategies, policies, programmes and objectives approved by the Council
- the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Equality Scheme, Codes of Conduct and other relevant governance policies contained within the Council's Constitution
- the agreed estimates for their Department.

1.101.11 In exercising these delegated powers the officers concerned shall have broad discretion to use the most efficient and effective means available, including the deployment of staffing and other resources within their control and the procurement of other resources as considered necessary.

1.111.12 Authority to exercise any delegated power includes the authority to take all reasonable necessary actions of an incidental or consequential nature and to take all operational decisions, within agreed policies, in relation to the services for which they are responsible.

4.121.13 Chief Officers may, if they choose, and notwithstanding their power of delegation, refer any delegated matter to the relevant Committee in any case. Any decision which would otherwise be delegated under the Scheme should be reported to the relevant Committee if it is politically contentious, sensitive, significant or if it is otherwise in the public interest to do so.

4.131.14 Any reference in the Scheme to a statutory enactment should be taken to include any subsequent modification, re-enactment, regulations or subordinate legislation made thereunder.

4.141.15 Chief Officers shall consult with the Chief Executive in respect of agreeing any city partnership arrangements.

4.151.16 Chief Officers shall maintain a record of delegations and any sub-delegations pertaining to each of their Departments.

Members – Assurances on the application of the Scheme

4.161.17 The Council and its Committees shall retain authority for decisions on matters of **significant strategic policy**.

4.171.18 The Scheme does not delegate to Chief Officers –

- any matter reserved to full Council and which by law may not be delegated - that is, the power of setting the district rate, or of borrowing money or of acquiring, holding or disposing of land;
- the adoption of any new policy, or major change to an existing agreed Council policy.

4.181.19 Delegation to deal with any matter shall not supersede the Council's power, or that of relevant Committees, to call for a report on any decision or action taken under the Scheme.

4.191.20 Where the exercise of a delegated function requires consultation with the Chairman of a Committee, the Deputy Chairman may act in the absence or non-availability of the Chairman.

4.201.21 The City Solicitor shall be responsible for ensuring that assurance is provided to Members on the use of the Scheme of Delegation and that any developments and amendments to the Scheme are correctly recorded so that it remains relevant and up to date.

4.211.22 The Council has an Assurance Framework in place which provides information on compliance with the various elements of the Council's governance framework, including performance reports, health and safety reports, finance reports, internal audit reports and risk management reports. The various 'in year' and 'year end' reports arising from the Assurance Framework are reviewed and approved by both the Audit & Risk Panel and Strategic Policy and Resources Committee annually.

4.221.23 Delegated matters are governed by robust policies covering financial regulations, procurement, human resources, IT etc. The assurance framework covers these areas and policy

owners are responsible for ensuring that there is a framework in place for compliance monitoring, with any instances of non compliance being reported to the Strategic Director of Finance and Resources and to Members. Key policy areas are subject to periodic internal audit and external audit review. In addition the governance framework is reviewed and reported annually in the Annual Governance Statement which forms part of the published financial statements. Chief Officers will also be required to provide assurance on the implementation of this Scheme within their departments. A more detailed assurance process will be developed requiring Chief Officers to sign quarterly assurance statements with a review against compliance recommended after year 1.

SCHEME OF DELEGATION

SECTION 2: GENERAL DELEGATED FUNCTIONS

Section 2: General Delegated Functions

All Chief Officers, as listed in Appendix A, have delegated authority to exercise the following general functions:

2.1 General management

All of the delegations listed below should be exercised in line with relevant Council policies.

- 2.1.1 Taking all necessary action for the effective day-to-day management, administration and supervision of the department, services and land and property assets for which the Chief Officer is responsible.
- 2.1.2 Implementing those strategies, programmes, actions, events and initiatives which the Chief Officer is responsible for, as set out in agreed Council plans (as outlined in paragraph 1.9).
- 2.1.3 Responding on behalf of the organisation, to consultation documents on operational and service specific matters that *do not* have corporately significant policy or financial implications.
- 2.1.4 Making initial applications for grant funding from external bodies (provided there is no financial commitment from the Council) where time constraints prohibit Council approval.
- 2.1.5 Developing and implementing specific promotions, schemes and events, waiving fees, offering refunds and taking other such action as may be required to take account of market conditions and/or to promote and protect the reputation of the Council.
- 2.1.6 Instructing the City Solicitor, where necessary, to take legal proceedings in relation to the recovery of debt, the enforcement of contractual rights, the service of notices, the prosecution of statutory offences and the instituting and defending of claims and proceedings affecting the Chief Officer's department.
- 2.1.7 Entering into arrangements with other public authorities or bodies for the provision of services subject to this Scheme and the Financial Regulations.
- 2.1.8 Approving the use of marketing and promotional measures to attract and retain users and members of Council's services as considered useful.

2.2 Finance

All of the delegations listed below should be exercised in line with relevant Council policies and in particular should take account of the requirements of the Financial Regulations which reflect best practice and provide a practical source of advice to assist all Officers in the discharge of their duties.

- 2.2.1 Each Chief Officer should consult the Strategic Director of Finance & Resources in relation to any matter within his/her area of responsibility which is likely to have a material impact on the finances of the Council before either incurring any commitment or liability, whether provisional or otherwise, or by reporting the matter to a Committee in accordance with paragraph A9 of the Financial Regulations.
- 2.2.2 Each Chief Officer is responsible for ensuring that their Department receives all income and that it does not spend more than the amount of expenditure it has estimated in accordance with paragraph G1 of the Financial Regulations.
- 2.2.3 Chief Officers will exercise control over estimates at the level of both services and cost/profit centres. Chief Officers may incur any expenditure on matters for which the Council approved the estimates in accordance with Paragraph G2 of the Financial Regulations.
- 2.2.4 Chief Officers are responsible for agreeing in-year virements within their service revenue accounts within delegated limits as set out Paragraph G23 of the Financial Regulations.
- 2.2.5 Chief Officers must submit proposals for virement to the Strategic Director of Finance & Resources who may either approve the request or refer it to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee in accordance with the guidelines contained in Paragraph G23 of the Financial Regulations.
- 2.2.6 Paying the cost of an employee's professional fees where it is legally necessary for the employee to perform their duties.
- 2.2.7 Writing off any loss of money (including bad debts) and loss of stores and obsolete equipment and materials in accordance with the limits outlined in the Financial Regulations.
- 2.2.8 Authorising employees to attend training and development events, technical visits and courses, including conferences, exhibitions, workshops and seminars and meetings of appropriate professional associations.
- 2.2.9 Authorising appropriate payments to employees in their department in respect of telephone, travel and subsistence allowances, standby and call out allowances, overtime, additional duties, costs of study courses and removal and relocation expenses.

- 2.2.10 Granting of small scale hospitality pursuant to section 33 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 subject to the financial limits set.
- 2.2.11 Authorising spend of available funding in accordance with the requirements of an external funder where time constraints would not allow advance notification to be made to the relevant Committee, subject to reporting at the next Committee meeting.
- 2.2.12 Fixing new charges (where none previously existed) subject to statutory provision, in consultation with the relevant Committee Chair.

2.3 Emergencies and cases of urgency

All of the delegations listed below should be exercised in line with relevant Council policies.

- 2.3.1 Taking such measures, including incurring expenditure¹ and initiating legal action, as may be required in emergency situations or cases of urgency, subject to advising the appropriate Chair.
- 2.3.2 Where such measures involve the Council incurring expenditure of an amount that is likely to result in the Committee's expenditure exceeding its approved estimate, then the Chief Officer should advise the Strategic Director of Finance and Resources.

2.4 Management of Land & Property Assets

The exercise of the following delegated powers is in relation to the management of the land and property assets (e.g. leisure centres, community centres, parks and open spaces, Belfast Castle, Malone House and Belfast Zoo) but excluding the City Hall for which the Directors of Organisational Development and Property and Projects have City Solicitor has responsibility. The use of these delegated powers is subject to Para 1.7 above that there is no disposal, holding or acquisition of land involved.

All of the delegations listed below should be exercised in line with relevant Council policies.

- 2.4.1 Permitting the use of such assets by Council departments and services and outside organisations.
- 2.4.2 Varying the opening times of, or restricting access to, or closing such assets in special circumstances (for example to permit maintenance or other operational reasons) in consultation with the Chairman of the relevant Committee.
- 2.4.3 Approving the holding of non-controversial events, conferences and promotions in such assets and applying any necessary hire and/or admission charges or discounted pricing.

¹ In accordance with Paragraph G16 of the Financial Regulations.

- 2.4.4 Following consultation with Party Group Leaders and Chairs of the relevant Committee, approving requests received in respect of potentially controversial events and activities in such assets where there is not sufficient time for Council approval to be obtained.
- 2.4.5 Granting temporary licences for the use of Council assets for the purpose of events/car parking or other temporary uses on appropriate commercial terms, subject to consultation with the Director of Property and Projects and the City Solicitor.

2.5 Procurement

The exercise of the following delegated powers is subject to consultation with the Director of Property & Projects to ensure that decisions are taken in accordance with any relevant Council policies and protocols, including Standing Orders and the Financial Regulations.

Under Standing Order 60(a) any contract that exceeds the statutory amount (currently £30,000 {exclusive of VAT}) needs to be made under the Corporate Seal. Under Standing Order 51(b) the Corporate Seal can only be affixed when there is a resolution of the Council.

All of the delegations listed below should be exercised in line with relevant Council policies.

- 2.5.1 Procuring goods, services or works under the statutory limit of £30,000 where the procurement
- (1) is in relation to matters of a routine or recurring nature; or
 - (2) is in relation to the operational requirements of the Department provided that it is not of an unusual or controversial nature; or
 - (3) is contained within an agreed Council plan.
- 2.5.2 Authorising a contract for the procurement of goods, services or works **over** the statutory limit of £30,000, following a tender exercise, where the Council has approved the invitation to tender and the award of the contract is made in accordance with the predetermined award criteria. Chief Officers should approve the authorising of contracts over £100,000.
- 2.5.3 Authorising a contract for the procurement of goods, services or works **up to** the statutory limit of £30,000.
- 2.5.4 Certifying Single Tender Actions (STA) where appropriate and, in so doing, ensuring STAs are compliant with Standing Orders and any STA procedure adopted by the Council.
- 2.5.42.5.5 Approving the changing of sureties by contractors provided the Council's interests remain fully protected.
- 2.5.52.5.6 Determining a contract awarded by the Council where the contractor is in breach of contract and unable or unwilling to proceed therewith, subject to prior consultation with the Chairman of the relevant Committee and the City Solicitor.

~~2.5.6~~2.5.7 Taking action to ensure contract compliance and negotiating claims and contract variations.

~~2.5.7~~2.5.8 Signing maintenance agreements subsequent to capital acquisitions agreed by the Council subject to consultation with the City Solicitor.

~~2.5.8~~2.5.9 Subject to the Procurement rules, making arrangements for the supply of goods and services pursuant to Section 105 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972.

~~2.5.9~~2.5.10 Negotiating an interim arrangement with a supplier in circumstances where a contract is being terminated.

~~2.5.10~~2.5.11 Signing of certain contracts which are not subject to Sealing.

2.6 Human Resources

2.6.1 Appointing successful applicants to agreed establishment posts below Head of Service level as

2.6.2 recommended by the selection panel.

2.6.2 Agreeing to a one month overlap period for the appointment of employees, provided that this can be accommodated within budget.

2.6.3 Allowing or disallowing all requests for leave, of any kind, in accordance with the Schemes of Conditions of Service adopted by the Council.

2.6.4 Approving other paid or unpaid leave of absence.

2.6.5 Taking action, including terminating or varying contracts of employment in respect of employees below Head of Service level within their departments following consultation with the Director of ~~Organisational Development~~City and Organisational Strategy and the City Solicitor as appropriate.

2.7 Small Grant Schemes

2.7.1 Approving the allocation of small grants in line with the award criteria (up to a maximum level of £10,000), where the Committee has established and/or administers a scheme and has authorised the Chief Officer to manage its implementation.

SCHEME OF DELEGATION

SECTION 3: SPECIFICALLY DELEGATED FUNCTIONS

Section 3: Specifically delegated functions to individual Chief Officers

3.1 Chief Executive

The Chief Executive acts as the Council's principal advisor on policy matters and has responsibility for ensuring that all delegations are consistent with Council policy. Anything delegated to a Chief Officer is also delegated to the Chief Executive who has authority to act on their behalf and to exercise any relevant function accordingly.

In addition to the above the exercise of the following functions, **in line with relevant council policies**, is therefore delegated to the Chief Executive:

- 3.1.1 Undertaking all matters associated with the professional management of the Council.
- 3.1.2 Allocating or reallocating responsibility for exercising particular powers to any officer of the Council in the interests of effective corporate management as she sees fit.
- 3.1.3 Authorising a Chief Officer to act in respect of a function, power or responsibility that has not been specifically reserved to the Council or Committee and lies within his or her remit to act.
- 3.1.4 Authorising any Chief Officer to act on behalf of any other Chief Officer as required in order to discharge their delegated functions as authorised in this Scheme.
- 3.1.5 Taking any operational decision, within agreed Council policies, in relation to the services for which any Chief Officer is responsible.
- 3.1.6 Requiring any officer of the Council to refer a matter to a Committee and/or Council even in instances where the officer may have delegated authority to deal with that matter.
- 3.1.7 Issuing a direction, as he or she considers appropriate, that any officer shall **not** exercise a delegated function.
- 3.1.8 Making a decision on the applicability of any delegated power in any specific case.
- 3.1.9 Acting, or nominating a Chief Officer to act, in instances where there may be doubt over responsibility for the exercise of any particular delegated power.

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- 3.1.10 Developing and implementing appropriate city partnership arrangements to take forward the Council's plans and objectives (including establishment, membership, operation and committing of resources).
- 3.1.11 Settling, in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive and City Solicitor, any points requiring interpretation or clarification on the practical application of this Scheme.
- 3.1.12 Signing legal documents on behalf of the Council and authorising the affixing of the Corporate Seal as required.
- 3.1.13 Invoking, and making whatever arrangements are necessary, for action under the Council's Emergency Plan.
- 3.1.14 Confirming the decisions of any Categorisation Panels or Joint Appeals Boards established under any of the Council's procedures.
- 3.1.15 Making purchases of artefacts or other items deemed appropriate for display within the City Hall up to a limit of £10,000 per annum.
- 3.1.16 Approving the provision of hospitality up to a limit of £500 per occasion.
- 3.1.17 Approving the attendance of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman (or nominees) of any of the Committees at any conference or seminar held in Northern Ireland where there is insufficient time for Committee approval to be obtained.
- 3.1.18 Approving the attendance of the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor or the High Sheriff at events or visits on receipt of invitations.
- 3.1.19 Acting as the Deputy Returning Officer for local elections in the Belfast City Council area with responsibility for making the arrangements for Council elections in Belfast.

SECTION 3 - SPECIFICALLY DELEGATED FUNCTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL CHIEF OFFICERS

3.2 Deputy Chief Executive

The exercise of the following functions, **in line with relevant council policies**, is delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive:

- 3.2.1 Exercising, in the absence of or at the request of the Chief Executive, any of the delegated powers for which he or she has responsibility as listed in Section 3.1.

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3.3 City Solicitor / Director of Legal & Civic Services

The exercise of the following functions, **in line with relevant council policies**, is delegated to the City Solicitor:

- 3.3.1 Defending all claims made, or legal proceedings instituted against the Council, including the power to compromise or settle them, as appears necessary or desirable in the best interests of the Council.
- 3.3.2 Conducting of appeals to the Planning Appeals Commission and planning-related public inquiries.
- 3.3.3 Instituting legal proceedings on behalf of the Council, acting on the instructions of Council or of the relevant Chief Officer.
- 3.3.4 Authenticating of documents pursuant to Section 124 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972.
- 3.3.5 Signing legal documents on behalf of the Council and authorising the affixing of the Corporate Seal as required.
- 3.3.6 Briefing Counsel and taking Counsel's opinion.
- 3.3.7 Engaging external legal assistance as required.
- 3.3.8 Engaging such expert witnesses or commissioning such expert reports as may be required.
- 3.3.9 Authorising venues deemed as suitable places at which marriage ceremonies can be held.
- 3.3.10 Agreeing the involvement of outside agencies in any fraud investigation.
- 3.3.11 Taking any steps or measures necessary in an emergency or other situation of urgency, and in consultation with the Chief Executive, to preserve or defend the Council's legal interests.
- 3.3.12 The City Solicitor, in consultation with the Strategic Director of Place and Economy or the Director of Planning and Building Control, may refer a decision back to Committee for reconsideration.
- ~~3.3.11~~ 3.3.13 Making minor amendments to the Scheme of Delegation to reflect organisational, functional or legislative changes.

3.3.14 Approving, when necessary, the use of the Reception Room by the Lord Mayor to cater for groups of visitors to the City Hall which may be too excessive for the Lord Mayor's personal suite of offices.

3.3.15 Permitting the use of the City Hall and the City Hall grounds by Council departments or service units.

3.3.16 Approving, in consultation with the Chair of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, urgent requests for the use of the City Hall, its grounds and the Cecil Ward Building, where these are considered to be within the established criteria approved by the Committee.

SECTION 3 - SPECIFICALLY DELEGATED FUNCTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL CHIEF OFFICERS

~~3.4 Director of Development~~

~~The exercise of the following functions, in line with relevant council policies, is delegated to the Director of Development:~~

~~3.4.1 Allocating stalls and pitches at St George's Market and any other Council run markets.~~

~~3.4.23.4.1 Approving a 'Grant of Licence' to markets in the case of~~

~~(1) Car boots sales with less than 20 persons trading~~

~~(2) A market which is considered to be de minimus and/or~~

~~(3) Any market which is carried out solely for charitable purposes~~

~~3.4.33.4.1 Approving the holding of a market in special circumstances where there is not sufficient time for the procedural requirement of four months notice under the Markets Policy.~~

~~3.4.43.4.1 Enforcing all bye laws made for the protection of Council's markets.~~

~~3.4.53.4.1 Approving variations to the agreed Business Plan and agreements with Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Limited, in line with the politically agreed objectives of the associated agreements.~~

~~3.4.63.4.1 Making, or referring to Committee as appropriate, any decisions relating to Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Limited, which may be required in respect of reserved matters.~~

~~3.4.73.4.1 Approving variations to the agreed Business Plan and agreements with the Innovation Factory operator, in line with the politically agreed objectives of the associated agreements.~~

~~3.4.83.4.1 Entering into contracts on appropriate commercial terms in relation to the Innovation Factory.~~

3.53.4 Director of ~~Organisational Development~~ City and Organisational Strategy

The exercise of the following functions, in line with relevant Council policies, is delegated to the Director of ~~Organisational Development~~ City and Organisational Strategy.

~~3.5.13.4.1~~ Undertaking service reviews and approving all establishment changes proposed by the relevant Director, in respect of posts below the level of Head of Service, including the deletion of

permanent posts and the creation of new permanent posts provided that there is no increase in the Department's approved staffing establishment and/or staffing budget for permanent posts².

[3.5.23.4.2](#) Dealing with requests for the payment of honoraria for all posts.

[3.5.33.4.3](#) Approving, in consultation with the City Solicitor, requests for approval of outside interests or employment made by employees.

[3.5.43.4.4](#) Dealing with requests for the extension of half pay entitlement under the various occupational sick pay schemes.

[3.5.53.4.5](#) Considering requests, in consultation with the [Strategic](#) Director of Finance and Resources, to extend the twelve month time limit for members of the Local Government Pension Scheme to make an option to aggregate two periods of LGPS membership, where it is in the employers' interest to do so or in circumstances where an LGPS member missed the time limit for reasons beyond their control.

[3.5.63.4.6](#) Undertaking, in consultation with the relevant Chief Officer and the Chair of the relevant committee, the long listing and short listing of candidates for Chief Officer and Head of Service, prior to interview and appointment by the Strategic [Policy](#) and Resources Committee.

[3.5.73.4.7](#) Authorising recruitment and retention incentives, in consultation with the [Strategic](#) Director of Finance and Resources, including relocation expenses schemes and approving other arrangements that allow flexibility in the recruitment process, (for example, extend timescales, relax criteria etc) subject to satisfying Inland Revenue requirements where Tax and NI deductions are concerned.

[3.5.83.4.8](#) Determining requests for the release of pension benefits on compassionate grounds in consultation with the [Strategic](#) Director of Finance and Resources.

[3.5.93.4.9](#) Determining requests for early and flexible retirement in consultation with the [Strategic](#) Director of Finance and Resources.

[3.5.103.4.10](#) Determining essential and casual car user status for all Council employees.

[3.5.113.4.11](#) Creating new temporary posts provided that there is no increase in approved staffing establishment and/or staffing budget.

[3.5.123.4.12](#) Determining the grading of posts.

² Staff management changes resulting in an increase in approved Departmental staffing establishment and/or staffing budget for permanent posts and/or those which effect any changes to posts at third tier and above (Head of Service level) are subject to approval by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

SECTION 3 - SPECIFICALLY DELEGATED FUNCTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL CHIEF OFFICERS

~~3.6.63.5~~ 3.6.93.5 Strategic Director of Finance and Resources³

The exercise of the following functions, **in line with relevant council policies**, is delegated to the Strategic Director of Finance & Resources.

~~3.6.43.5.1~~ 3.6.93.5.1 Making safe and efficient arrangements for proper administration of financial affairs pursuant to Section 1 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

~~3.6.23.5.2~~ 3.6.93.5.2 Due administration associated with the issue of mortgages including the fixing of interest rates to reflect prevailing market conditions.

~~3.6.33.5.3~~ 3.6.93.5.3 Due administration of all unfunded pensions to former employees of Belfast Corporation and Belfast City Council.

~~3.6.43.5.4~~ 3.6.93.5.4 Due administration of Council reserves.

~~3.6.53.5.5~~ 3.6.93.5.5 Approving increase in sums of a capital scheme as provided for under the Financial Regulations.

~~3.6.63.5.6~~ 3.6.93.5.6 Making appropriate transfers between the various bank accounts of the Council.

~~3.6.73.5.7~~ 3.6.93.5.7 Approving the transfer of funds from one budget heading to another within Committee in accordance with Financial Regulations.

~~3.6.83.5.8~~ 3.6.93.5.8 Approving requests for car loans to approved car users.

~~3.6.93.5.9~~ 3.6.93.5.9 Authorising employees, in liaison with the relevant Director ~~and the Director of Organisational Development~~, to attend international training and development events, technical visits and courses, including conferences, exhibitions, workshops and seminars and meetings of appropriate professional associations.

~~3.6.103.5.10~~ 3.6.93.5.10 Making payment of expense claims to Council Officers in line with the Council's Travel and Subsistence Policy and in accordance with paragraph V1 of the Financial Regulations.

³ The Strategic Director of Finance & Resources is, for the purpose of Section 1 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, the designated Officer responsible for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs. The Strategic Director of Finance & Resources may, subject to Standing Orders and any resolutions of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee or the Council, do all things necessary to secure the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs.

~~3.6.14~~3.5.11 Approving travelling and subsistence expenses for employees in excess of those generally approved by the Council in special circumstances where expenses in excess of allowances are unavoidable.

~~3.6.12~~3.5.12 Making payments to Members, including co-opted Members of the Council or its Committees of travelling or other allowances in accordance with paragraph V3 of the Financial Regulations.

~~3.6.13~~3.5.13 Reviewing from time to time the rates of subsistence allowances paid to elected Members and employees attending conferences etc both within and outside the United Kingdom.

~~3.6.14~~3.5.14 Reimbursing Member or employee expenses on an actual cost basis, in exceptional circumstances, subject to the submission of vouchers or receipts, where this exceeds the relevant allowance.

~~3.6.15~~3.5.15 Reviewing, from time to time, the limits for small scale hospitality.

~~3.6.16~~3.5.16 Effecting (but not cancelling nor refusing to effect) registrations and maintaining a register of small lottery societies.

3.5.17 Making arrangements for the supply of computer software and services to other persons pursuant to Article 20 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

SECTION 3 - SPECIFICALLY DELEGATED FUNCTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL CHIEF OFFICERS

3.73.6 Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services

The exercise of the following functions, **in line with relevant Council policies**, is delegated to the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services who may delegate his/her relevant powers to his/her deputies, the Directors (Operational) of City and Neighbourhood Services:

3.7.43.6.1 The functions listed at (a) to (o) below in relation to the legislation set out in Appendix B and to the legislation made thereunder:

- (a) enforcing all regulations, orders and bye-laws made under the said legislation;
- (b) issuing and serving certificates and notices;
- (c) granting (but not withdrawing, suspending or refusing) authorisations, approvals and consents;
- (d) exercising all powers in relation to the issue (but not refusal) of certificates, permits and licences;
- (e) effecting registrations and maintaining statutory registers;
- (f) instituting legal proceedings, in consultation with the City Solicitor, and making legal applications on behalf of the Council;
- (g) authorising persons and officers pursuant to relevant legislation for the purpose of exercising statutory powers;
- (h) executing works where the responsible party is in default of compliance with any notice or Order and in an emergency where empowered by statute;
- (i) generally enforcing all other statutory powers conferred on the Council or pursuant to any arrangement made under Section 104 or 105 of the Local Government Act (NI) 1972;
- (j) Making Orders for the charges to be paid in connection with the use of an off-street parking place;
- (k) Appointing such persons as may be necessary for the superintendence of parking spaces;
- (l) Making Orders for the use of any parking place and the conditions on which it may be used;

- (m) Making Orders restricting the use of a specified parking place;
- (n) Making Orders to authorise the use of a part of an off-street parking place or places for the collection of recyclable material, for advertising or for displaying information to the public;
- (o) Making Orders for the suspension of the use of a parking place or any part of it for specified occasions or circumstances and in consultation with the City Solicitor, entering into arrangements for the use of the said parking place;

[3.7.23.6.2](#) Authorising under Article 22 (2)(c)(i) of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 on behalf of the Council, suitable persons to accompany inspectors who have been appointed by the Council under Article 21 of the said Order.

[3.7.33.6.3](#) Arranging burials and cremations under Section 25 of the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971.

[3.7.43.6.4](#) Detaining a dog or causing a dog to be disposed of, sold or destroyed in accordance with Articles 23 or 48 of The Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983.

[3.7.53.6.5](#) Approving exceptions to the imposition of charges for the collection of commercial waste where such waste appears to be arising from premises occupied for charitable purposes and the temporary nature of occupation prevents the granting of relief from the payment of rates under Article 41(2)(C) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977.

[3.7.63.6.6](#) Applying an appropriate charge for the collection of commercial waste where traders require an evening or weekend collection.

[3.7.73.6.7](#) Revising the prices and charging structure for the commercial waste collection service.

[3.7.83.6.8](#) Agreeing any transfer or assignment of enforcement responsibility under Regulation 7 and Regulation 8(1) of the Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999.

[3.7.93.6.9](#) Exercising powers under Article 18 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 in relation to the removal or obliteration of graffiti, placards or posters.

[3.7.103.6.10](#) Authorising persons, other than officers of the Council, for the purposes of Section 10(2) of the Noise Act 1996.

[3.7.113.6.11](#) Signing on behalf of the Council, licence agreements for the use of lands to be utilised for the installation of mini-bring recycling facilities.

[3.7.123.6.12](#) Enforcing all bye-laws made for the protection of the Council's parks and other amenity facilities.

[3.7.133.6.13](#) Allocating allotment plots and terminating lettings and providing financial or 'in kind' support for the development or running of community gardens or allotments in line with Council policy in consultation with the City Solicitor.

[3.7.143.6.14](#) Purchasing, selling and exchanging animals for the Zoological Gardens up to a limit of £30,000 for each transaction.

[3.7.153.6.15](#) Approving variations to the agreed work plan and agreements with the leisure trust and its strategic operating partner, in line with the politically agreed objectives of the associated agreements and managing the operation of the Trust of a day to day basis.

[3.7.163.6.16](#) Enforcing The Burial Grounds Regulations 1992 and The Cremation (Belfast) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961.

[3.7.173.6.17](#) Maintaining a Register of Burials.

[3.7.183.6.18](#) Allocating grave spaces and issuing grants of right of burial.

[3.7.193.6.19](#) Undertaking cremations at the City of Belfast Crematorium.

[3.7.203.6.20](#) Making arrangements for the appointment of a medical referee to the city of Belfast Crematorium in line with Council policy and procurement practices.

[3.7.213.6.21](#) Protecting public rights of way and generally enforcing the Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983.

[3.7.223.6.22](#) Enforcing the provisions of the High Hedges Act (NI) 2011 and carrying out a series of functions associated with performing the Council's statutory role under the High Hedges legislation. These are:

- Enforcing all Regulations or Acts made and remedial notices under the High Hedges Act (NI) 2011
- Issuing and serving remedial notices
- Exercising all powers in relation to the High Hedges Act (NI) 2011
- In conjunction with Legal Services, instituting legal proceedings and making legal applications on behalf of Belfast City Council
- Authorising individual officers for the purpose of exercising any statutory power under the High Hedges Act (NI) 2011.

3.7.233.6.23 Approving of the repeat hosting of an annual event for a specified number of years subject to the event remaining broadly similar over time.

3.7.243.6.24 ~~Approving the holding of small-scale events in the Council's parks and open spaces subject to compliance with statutory requirements a suitable agreement being put in place, in consultation with the City Solicitor, and the recovery of expenses and administration costs. This includes the waiving of fees and permission to raise funds where events are non-commercial, subject to a satisfactory business case being presented and statutory requirements met by the organisers.~~

3.6.25 Approving event and activity requests for the use of the parks and open spaces along the Connswater Community Greenway in 2018/19, delivered by the CCGT in partnership with the Council.

3.6.26 Approving event and activity requests which may include licensing arrangements such as trading or the selling of alcohol at the main event spaces along the Connswater Community Greenway including the C.S. Lewis Square, Orangefield Park and Victoria Park. Please note an entertainment license is already in place for the Connswater Community Greenway.

3.6.27 Exercising all powers in relation to the issue, but not refusal, of Houses in Multiple Occupation licences, excluding provisions relating to:

- applications for the grant, renewal, transfer or variation of licences where material objections are received;
- applications where officers believe there may be an issue in relation to the fitness of the applicant to hold a licence;
- approving any guidance documents;
- setting of licence fees;
- revocation of licences, except where in the public interest, the Director, in consultation with the City Solicitor, considers that there are particular circumstances which make it necessary to suspend a licence immediately

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~~3.8 Director of Organisational Development~~

The exercise of the following functions, ~~in line with relevant Council policies~~, is delegated to the Director of Organisational Development.

- ~~3.8.1 Undertaking service reviews and approving all establishment changes proposed by the relevant Director, in respect of posts below the level of Head of Service, including the deletion of permanent posts and the creation of new permanent posts provided that there is no increase in the Department's approved staffing establishment and/or staffing budget for permanent posts⁴.~~
- ~~3.8.2 Dealing with requests for the payment of honoraria for all posts.~~
- ~~3.8.3 Approving, in consultation with the City Solicitor, requests for approval of outside interests or employment made by employees.~~
- ~~3.8.4 Dealing with requests for the extension of half pay entitlement under the various occupational sick pay schemes.~~
- ~~3.8.5 Considering requests, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources, to extend the twelve month time limit for members of the Local Government Pension Scheme to make an option to aggregate two periods of LGPS membership, where it is in the employers' interest to do so or in circumstances where an LGPS member missed the time limit for reasons beyond their control.~~
- ~~3.8.6 Undertaking, in consultation with the relevant Chief Officer and the Chair of the relevant committee, the long listing and short listing of candidates for Chief Officer and Head of Service, prior to interview and appointment by the Strategic policy and Resources Committee.~~
- ~~3.8.7 Authorising recruitment and retention incentives, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources, including relocation expenses schemes and approving other arrangements that allow flexibility in the recruitment process, (for example, extend timescales, relax criteria etc) subject to satisfying Inland Revenue requirements where Tax and NI deductions are concerned.~~
- ~~3.8.8 Determining requests for the release of pension benefits on compassionate grounds in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources.~~
- ~~3.8.9 Determining requests for early and flexible retirement in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources.~~

⁴ Staff management changes resulting in an increase in approved Departmental staffing establishment and/or staffing budget for permanent posts and/or those which effect any changes to posts at third tier and above (Head of Service level) are subject to approval by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

~~3.8.10 Determining essential and casual car user status for all Council employees.~~

~~3.8.11 Creating new temporary posts provided that there is no increase in approved staffing establishment and/or staffing budget.~~

~~3.8.12 Determining the grading of posts.~~

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3.9.3.7 Strategic Director of ~~Planning and Place~~Place and Economy

The exercise of the following functions, **in line with relevant Council policies**, is delegated to the Strategic Director of ~~Planning and Place~~Place and Economy and the relevant reporter, who may delegate his/her relevant powers to his/her deputies unless otherwise stated, namely Director (Operational) of Economic Development, Director (Operational) of Planning and Building Control and Director (Operational) of City Regeneration and Development:

Planning

3.9.13.7.1 An elected Member of the Council may request that an application that relates to a site within their District Electoral Area or within an adjoining District Electoral Area or within the City Centre⁵ is referred to the Planning Committee provided that the request is made in writing or by email to Democratic Services within 21 days of the application being publicly advertised. The Member shall clearly state their reason/s for requesting referral of the application to the Planning Committee, which must be material planning considerations. The Strategic Director of ~~Planning and Place~~Place and Economy and City Solicitor shall determine whether the reason/s are material planning consideration/s and of significant weight to allow the application to be referred to Committee. Democratic Services will advise the relevant Member of their decision. If the decision is not to refer the application to the Planning Committee, then the decision shall be delegated to the Strategic Director of ~~Planning and Place~~Place and Economy. Democratic Services will notify all Members within the DEA to which the application relates as to the outcome of the request to refer the application to the Planning Committee. Where an application is referred to the Planning Committee under this provision the Planning Service shall notify the applicant and any objector at least five calendar days before the application is discussed by the Planning Committee.

3.9.23.7.2 The functions listed below in relation to the legislation set out in Appendix CB and legislation made thereunder for which the Planning Committee has responsibility. The thresholds set out at paragraph 3.8.2 (a) only apply where a representation⁶ has been received which conflicts with the Planning Officer's recommendation. Where no representations have been received that conflict with the Planning Officer's recommendation, the thresholds do not apply and the decision is delegated to the Strategic Director of ~~Planning & Place~~ and Economy.

- (a) determining applications for the following categories of local developments⁷, including building, engineering and other operations and material changes of use:

⁵ City Centre as defined by the Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015

⁶ Representation means a consultation response received during the consultation period including, but not limited to, responses from technical consultees, neighbours and the public. Conflict must be related to material planning considerations. Correspondence from an applicant is not deemed to be a Representation.

⁷ The definition of local development is provided for by section 25 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

- i. housing schemes up to and including 12 units other than proposals for change of house type on an approved scheme below 50 units;
 - ii. retailing below 500 square metres gross floor space outside the City Centre or District Centres; or below 2,500 square metres gross floor space within the City Centre or District Centres;
 - iii. office space below 5,000 square metres gross floor space;
 - iv. business, light industry, general industry and storage and distribution below 2,500 square metres gross floor space;
 - v. community-related scheme up to 500 square metres gross floor space;
 - vi. recreation and culture below 1,000 square metres gross floor space outside town centres or below 5,000 square metres gross floor space within town centres;
 - vii. hotels and hostels below 30 beds;
- (b) determining applications for minor works such as works required for the purposes of providing disability access; the erection of smoking shelters etc.;
- (c) determining applications for alterations and extensions to residential property and ancillary and incidental residential development within the curtilage of residential property;
- (d) determining applications for landscaping, car parking and other minor works to the main use of the land on which they are to be located;
- (e) determining applications for change of use but excluding those relating to student accommodation; houses in multiple occupation unless the site is located within an HMO node in BMAP; and amusement arcades;
- (f) varying **or** removing conditions except when the variation **or** removal relates to, or constitutes, a major development;
- (g) refusing, any application, other than an application for major development, where all of the necessary supporting documentation has been reasonably requested but not provided to the Council within 28 days from the date of the request;
- (h) determining applications for discharge of conditions;
- (i) determining applications for a non-material change;
- (j) determining applications for works to, or demolition of, buildings or structures in conservation areas and areas of townscape character, except where it involves full demolition of a main building (excluding buildings which are ancillary or incidental);
- (k) determining applications for listed building consent, excluding partial or full demolition
- (l) temporary listing of buildings in urgent cases;
- (m) determining applications for the display of advertisements;
- (n) determining applications for certificates of lawful development (existing and proposed);
- (o) exercising the Council's powers in relation to the preservation of trees;
- (p) determining Pre-Application Notifications;
- (q) the making of a screening opinion or scoping opinion under the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (or any order legislation re-enacting that legislation with or without modification);

- (r) enforcing all regulations and orders made under the said legislation and issuing and serving of notices;
- (s) executing works in default of compliance with any notice or order and in an emergency where empowered by statute and recovering the costs of so doing;
- (t) instituting legal proceedings, in consultation with the City Solicitor, on behalf of the Council;
- (u) authorising officers pursuant to relevant legislation for the purpose of exercising statutory powers;
- (v) lodging representations including objections, in consultation with the City Solicitor, in relation to planning applications where the Council has been notified as part of the neighbourhood notification scheme or where the Council's interests are likely to be affected by the application;
- (w) administering statutory registers;
- (x) registering and removing notices and charges in the Statutory Charges Register, in consultation with the City Solicitor;
- (y) conducting of appeals to the Planning Appeals Commission and planning-related public inquiries;

3.9.33.7.3 Negotiating, contributions from developers subject to obtaining Committee consent in respect of those agreements in which the contribution exceeds £30k.

3.9.43.7.4 The delegated functions set out above do not apply to the following planning applications:

- (a) Those made by elected members of the Council;
- (b) Those made by Council staff at senior management grade (PO12) or above and all staff in Planning Place and Place Economy Department and Legal Services;
- (c) Those made by the Council;
- (d) Those in which the Council has an estate;
- (e) Proposals for major development;
- (f) There is an objection from a statutory consultee and the recommendation of the Planning Officer is to approve
- (g) Purpose built student accommodation

3.9.53.7.5 All other applications or permissions which are not specifically listed in paragraph 3.8.1, and which are not applications for major development shall be deemed to be delegated unless otherwise provided for within this Scheme.

3.9.63.7.6 Where a function is normally delegated but raises issues which the Strategic or Operational Director believes should be considered by the Committee, that application will be referred to the Committee.

3.9.73.4.1 ~~The City Solicitor, in consultation with the Director, may refer a decision back to Committee for reconsideration.~~

3.9.83.7.7 The functions listed below in relation to the legislation set out in Appendices ~~B and C~~ and legislation made thereunder for which the Strategic Director of Place and Economy Licensing Committee and the People and Communities Committee has responsibility:

- (a) Enforcing all regulations, orders and bye-laws made under the said legislation;
- (b) Issuing and serving certificates and notices;
- (c) Granting, withdrawing, suspending and refusing authorisations, approvals and consents and rejecting plans;
- (d) Exercising all powers in relation to the issue (but not refusal) of permits and licences;
- (e) Refusing any Entertainments Licence application where all of the necessary supporting documentation, including a Fire Risk Assessment, has not been provided to the council within six weeks from the date of receipt of that application or if the application is otherwise incomplete, inaccurate or falsified;
- (f) Effecting (but not cancelling or refusing to effect) registrations and maintaining statutory registers;
- (g) Instituting legal proceedings, in consultation with the City Solicitor, and making legal applications on behalf of the Council;
- (h) Authorising persons and officers pursuant to relevant legislation for the purposes of exercising statutory powers;
- (i) Dispensing with or relaxing, or refusing to dispense with or relax, Building Regulations and inviting representations thereon;
- (j) Executing works where the responsible party is in default of compliance with any notice or Order and in an emergency where empowered by statute;
- (k) Generally enforcing all statutory powers conferred on the Council or pursuant to any arrangement made under Section 104 or 105 of the Local Government Act 1972;
- (l) Exercising all powers in relation to the issue, but not refusal, of pavement café licences, excluding provisions relating to:
 - i. applications for the grant, renewal or variation of licences where adverse representations are received;
 - ii. compulsory variation of licences;

- iii. revocation of licences;
 - iv. setting of licence fees;
 - v. suspension of licences except where in the public interest the Strategic Director, in consultation with the City Solicitor, considers that there are particular circumstances which make it necessary to suspend a licence immediately;
- (m) Refusing any Dual Language Street Sign application where all necessary survey actions have been carried out, the application does not receive the support of two thirds of those on the electoral register in the street as set out in the Street Naming Policy, and no exceptional circumstances have been submitted by the applicant.
- (n) For any Dual Language Street Sign application which does not meet the two thirds quota an applicant may provide exceptional circumstances why the quota was not met. Where these circumstances relate only to the processing of a survey, the Strategic Director, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, will determine whether such exceptional circumstances exist to refer the matter to Committee. Where exceptional circumstances relate to matters other than the processing of a survey the matter will be presented to Committee.
- (o) Exercising all powers in relation to the making of an Order restricting or prohibiting temporarily the use of a public road in connection with special events, excluding provisions relating to:
- i. applications for an order where adverse representations are made
 - ii. the recovery of costs incurred by the Council as a consequence of making an Order and such other matters as the Director deems appropriate

3.9.93.7.8 Lodging objections, in consultation with the City Solicitor, in relation to notices of applications received under the following (and any other subsequent amending or substituting) legislation:

- The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1995
- The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 196
- The Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

3.9.103.7.9 Issuing Property Certificates.

Economic Development

3.7.10 Allocating stalls and pitches at St George's Market and any other Council run markets.

3.7.11 Approving a 'Grant of Licence' to markets in the case of -

- (1) Car boots sales with less than 20 persons trading
- (2) A market which is considered to be de minimus and/or
- (3) Any market which is carried out solely for charitable purposes

3.7.12 Approving the holding of a market in special circumstances where there is not sufficient time for the procedural requirement of four months notice under the Markets Policy.

3.7.13 Enforcing all bye-laws made for the protection of Council's markets.

3.7.14 Approving variations to the agreed Business Plan and agreements with Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Limited, in line with the politically agreed objectives of the associated agreements.

3.7.15 Making, or referring to Committee as appropriate, any decisions relating to Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Limited, which may be required in respect of reserved matters.

3.7.16 Approving variations to the agreed Business Plan and agreements with the Innovation Factory operator, in line with the politically agreed objectives of the associated agreements.

3.7.17 Entering into contracts on appropriate commercial terms in relation to the Innovation Factory.

City Centre Regeneration

3.7.18 Negotiating, in liaison with the Director of Planning & Place, contributions from developers, insofar as it relates to city centre development, subject to obtaining Committee consent in respect of those agreements in which the contribution exceeds £30k.

3.7.19 Managing the City Centre Regeneration Fund and developing and bringing forward funding applications where required

3.7.20 Commissioning specialist services to support the implementation of the city centre regeneration framework

3.7.21 Undertaking masterplanning to support proposals for city centre regeneration

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3.53.4 Director of Property and Projects

The exercise of the following functions, **in line with relevant Council policies**, is delegated to the Director of Property and Projects:

3.5.13.4.1

Consenting to lessees' requests for assignments, sub-lettings, permission to mortgage or charge, changes of use, new buildings, alterations, signage and other matters requiring the Council's consent under the terms of existing leases and amendments of covenant affecting premises and the granting of utility wayleaves and short term licences/temporary easements (in the event that a licence or easement of more than six months in duration is sought, same will require to be brought to Committee for approval) in respect of all Council sites or properties.

3.5.23.4.2

Approving the affixing of the corporate seal to any documents to record formally the Council's consent to assignments, sub-lettings, permission to mortgage or charge, changes of use, new buildings, alterations, signage and any other matters requiring the Council's consent under the terms of the existing leases and amendments of covenant affecting premises, granting of utility wayleaves and short term licences/temporary easements and rent reviews at all Council sites or properties.

3.5.33.4.3 Approving adjusted rents in respect of leases at Council sites or properties, following the completion of the rent review process in accordance with the provisions of the leases.

3.5.43.4.4 Agreeing terms in relation to the lettings at Smithfield Market, including prior possession in cases of urgency, subject to consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

~~3.5.5 Approving, when necessary, the use of the Reception Room by the Lord Mayor to cater for groups of visitors to the City Hall which may be too excessive for the Lord Mayor's personal suite of offices.~~

3.5.63.4.5 Agreeing reduced charges for the acceptance of clays and soils associated with the development works of the North Foreshore.

3.5.73.4.6 Appointing arbitrators/independent experts as appropriate in the case of disputes arising in regard to rent reviews and other property matters.

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~~3.5.83.3.1~~ ~~Permitting the use of the City Hall and the City Hall grounds by Council departments or service units.~~

~~3.5.93.3.1~~

~~3.5.103.3.1~~ ~~Approving, in consultation with the Chair of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, urgent requests for the use of the City Hall, its grounds and the Cecil Ward Building, where these are considered to be within the established criteria approved by the Committee.~~

~~3.5.113.4.7~~

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~~3.6~~ ~~Director of City Centre Development~~

The exercise of the following functions, ~~in line with relevant council policies~~, is delegated to the Director of City Centre Development:

~~3.6.13.3.1~~ ~~Negotiating, in liaison with the Director of Planning & Place, contributions from developers, insofar as it relates to city centre development, subject to obtaining Committee consent in respect of those agreements in which the contribution exceeds £30k.~~

~~3.6.23.3.1~~ ~~Managing the City Centre Regeneration Fund and developing and bringing forward funding applications where required~~

~~3.6.33.3.1~~ ~~Commissioning specialist services to support the implementation of the city centre regeneration framework~~

~~3.6.43.3.1~~ ~~Undertaking masterplanning to support proposals for city centre regeneration~~

Appendix A – Definition of Chief Officer

In this Scheme the expression Chief Officer means:

- Chief Executive
- Deputy Chief Executive
- Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
- Strategic Director of Finance & Resources
- Strategic Director of ~~Planning and~~ Place and Economy
- City Solicitor / Director of Legal & Civic Services
- Director of City and Organisational Strategy
- Director of Property & Projects
- ~~Director of City Centre Development~~
- ~~Director of Development~~
- ~~Director of Organisational Development~~

Appendix B – Legislation in respect of which functions are delegated to Chief Officers

Note that these are the principal pieces of legislation under which the Council derives its functions. This list is not exhaustive.

Any delegation to an officer to take action under a particular statutory provision, or relevant local authority bye-law, shall be deemed to authorise action under any statutory re-enactment or amendment of that provision, and any statutory regulations, order, or direction made under that provision both before and after the date of this Scheme. References to statutory requirements in this scheme include relevant European legislation and directives as applicable.

The Anti-social Behaviour (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

Belfast Corporation Act 1911

Belfast Improvements Act 1878

Belfast Local Acts 1845-1948

The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985

The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1979

The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

The Burial Grounds Regulations 1992

Bye-laws made by Belfast City Council pursuant to Section 90 of the Local Government Act (NI) 1972 for:

- Control of the Business of Tattooing 1987
- Control of the Practice of Acupuncture 1987
- Control of the Business of Ear-piercing and Electrolysis 1987
- Regulation of Parks 1992
- Regulation of Playing Fields 1993
- Regulation of Open Parks 1994
- Regulation of Small Neighbourhood Parks and Open Spaces and Public Walkways 1994
- Childrens' Playgrounds 1997
- Good Rule and Government – City Hall Grounds 1997
- Belfast Zoological Gardens 1998
- St George's Market 2000
- Control of Business of Semi-permanent Skin-colouring 2007

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- Control of Business of Cosmetic Piercing 2007
- Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Designated Places 2012

Bye-laws made by Castlereagh Borough Council pursuant to Section 90 of the Local Government Act (NI) 1972 for:

- Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Designated Places 1996

Bye-laws made by Castlereagh Rural District Council pursuant to Section 36 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898

- Pleasure Grounds 1969

Bye-laws made by Lisburn Borough Council pursuant to Part VI of the Local Government Act (NI) 1972 for:

- Lisburn Leisure and Activity Centres 1989
- Regulation of Small Neighbourhood Parks, Open Spaces and Public Walkways 1998
- Regulation of Enclosed Parks 1998
- Recreational Facilities and Aberdelghy Golf Course 1996
- Regulation and Management of Playgrounds 1988

Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

The Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

The Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Consumer Protection Act 1987

Consumer Rights Act 2015

Control of Greyhounds etc. Act (Northern Ireland) 1950

The Cremation (Belfast) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

Dangerous Dogs Compensation and Exemption Schemes Order 1991

The Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

Dogs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001

Dogs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

The Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983

The Dogs (Guard Dog Kennels) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013

The Dogs (Specified Maximum) (Belfast) Order 2012

The Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002

European Communities Act 1972

Explosives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970

Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

Food Hygiene Rating Act 2016

The Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Belfast City Council) Order 2012

Free Printed Matter (Belfast) Designation Order 2012

The General Product Safety Regulations 2005

Hairdressers Act (Northern Ireland) 1939

Health Act 2009

The Health (2009 Act) (Commencement No.1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1978

Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978

Health & Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009

High Hedges Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Housing (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992

Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

The Litter (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 – Excluding Article 10

Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 - excluding provisions relating to the issue of all sex establishment licences and those entertainments licences where adverse representations have been made.

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 – excluding provisions relating to street names.

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002?

The Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

Noise Act 1996 (as amended)

Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

Petroleum (Consolidation) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1929

Petroleum (Transfer of Licences) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1937

The Petroleum (Consolidation) Act (Amendment of Licensing Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

~~The Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1994~~

Poisons (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978

The Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013

The Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

Public Health Acts 1878 to 1967

Public Health and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1949

Rats and Mice Destruction Act 1919

The Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978

The Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993

Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010

The Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

The Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

The Sea Fishing (Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018

The Shops (Sunday Trading &c.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

The Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

Street Trading (Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1929 (repealed in part)

Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001

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The Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (but only where permitted by Memorandum of Understanding in force between Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Services and Belfast City Council).

Sunbeds Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Act 2002

Tobacco Retailers Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

The Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015

The Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016

Town Improvement Clauses Act 1847

The Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

Volatile Organic Compounds in Paints, Varnishes and Vehicle Refinishing Products 2012

The Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

[The Waste \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007](#)

Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

The Welfare of Animals (Dog Breeding Establishments and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013

Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971

Appendix C – Legislation in respect of which functions are delegated to Director of ~~Planning and Place~~ and Economy

Note that these are the principal pieces of legislation under which the Council derives its planning functions. This list is not exhaustive.

Any delegation to an officer to take action under a particular statutory provision, or relevant local authority bye-law, shall be deemed to authorise action under any statutory re-enactment or amendment of that provision, and any statutory regulations, order, or direction made under that provision both before and after the date of this Scheme. References to statutory requirements in this scheme include relevant European legislation and directives as applicable.

Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

The Enterprise Zones (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

The Land Acquisition and Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 1973

The Land Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 1982

The Land Development Values (Compensation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1965

Lands Tribunal and Compensation Act (Northern Ireland) 1964

Planning (Northern Ireland) Act 2011

The Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

The Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

Planning (Compensation, etc.) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001

Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

The Planning and Building Regulations (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990

The Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1982

The Planning Blight (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

The Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978

The Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1972

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Planning and Land Compensation Act (Northern Ireland) 1971

The Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980



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Date:	22 February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director City and Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Ryan Black, Neighbourhood Services Manager

Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Some time in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update of the cross-party deputation meeting with Tracy Meharg, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities, as a result of the notices of motions.
1.2	The Council's deputation met with Ms. Meharg and senior members of her team on Wednesday 6 February to discuss issues relating to the Personal Independence Payments (PIP) and Welfare Reform.
1.3	Following discussions Ms. Meharg offered to;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce a summary information sheet outlining the key statistics relating to PIP and Universal Credit for Council Facilitate a walk-through of the PIP assessment process for members by CAPITA.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the contents of this report and agree to accept DfC's invitation for CAPITA to provide Members with 'a walk-through' workshop of the Personal Independence Payment assessment process.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will recall that at Council's meeting in July 2018 a Notice of Motion was proposed by Cllr. McReynolds in relation to Personal Independence Payments, seeking a response to the issues raised from the Minister for Work and Pensions; Council received a response from the Minister suggesting that all concerns should be directed to the Department for Communities (DfC) which has responsibility for benefits in Northern Ireland; A further Notice was proposed by Cllr Collins at November's Council on Welfare Reform that agreed the Permanent Secretary and senior officials within the Department for Communities be invited to meet at the earliest opportunity with an All-Party delegation from the Council to discuss issues associated with Welfare Reform; Ms. Meharg took up position as the Permanent Secretary for DfC in December 2018; The council deputation met with Ms. Meharg and team on Wednesday 6 February 2019.
3.2	<p>In Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council deputation included: Alderman Sonya Copeland, Alderman Frank McCoubrey, Councillor Charlene O'Hara and Councillor Peter McReynolds. The deputation was accompanied by Mr. Ryan Black, Neighbourhood Services Manager and Brian Kelly, Community Services Manager. DfC represented: Ms Tracy Meharg, Permanent Secretary, Anne McCleary and Mickey Kelly.
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of Issues Raised and Responses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Welfare Reform Mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures put in place to mitigate the impact of welfare reform will end on the 31 March 2020. This date is enshrined in Law thus will require an Act to progress any further measures beyond this date.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A review of the current Welfare Reform Mitigations will be conducted in the Spring, with recommendations of best practice being put forward for consideration.
3.4	<p>ii. Claiming Universal Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DfC Officials outlined a range of 'Access Channels' through which people can claim Universal Credit. They include: Digital zones in Benefits Offices, IT access in Libraries, paper base, telephone and outreach services such as home visits. Claimants can be provided with additional support to help meet identified needs including; disability, literacy/numeracy or language.
3.5	<p>iii. Support for Advice Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Permanent Secretary stressed the need for advice services and the Department's ongoing commitment to funding the sector via the Community Support Programme. - Ms. Meharg also mentioned that the DfC's initiative 'Make the Call', a service which aims to provide claimants with information on all their benefit entitlements has achieved £37 million in benefit maximization.
3.6	<p>iv. Walter Rader Report, PIP Independent Review of the Assessment Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report makes 14 recommendations in relation to the PIP assessment process of which 10 have been accepted by DfC.
3.7	<p>v. Protecting People Moving From Legacy Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Welfare Reform mitigations are aligned with the implementation of the new benefit system. The Department of Work & Pensions have delayed the implementation of the new system and are currently conducting a pilot with 10,000 people to ascertain the impact of implementing the system. - Once the pilot is concluded and report published DfC will be in a better position to identify the package of measures which could be introduced to support people moving to the new systems.
3.8	<p>vi. Rent Arrears</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Meharg advised that she met with the NIHE to discuss this matter. One of the key issues identified is the lack of communication about and understanding of

3.9	<p>the process; with some housing benefits claimants receiving the benefit to pay their rent and others where the benefit is paid directly to the housing provider. There is some confusion about the process which will be rectified but requires further consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions <p>Following discussions Ms. Meharg offered to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Produce a summary information sheet outlining the key statistics relating to PIP and Universal Credit for Council - Facilitate a walk-through of the PIP assessment process for members. This will be conducted by CAPITA.
3.10	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial nor resources implications associated with this report</p>
3.11	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are none associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None



Subject:	Draft Council Improvement Objectives 2019-20
Date:	22 February 2019
Reporting Officer:	John Tully, Director of City & Organisational Strategy
Contact Officer:	Christine Robinson, Strategic Policy and Partnership Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To present the draft corporate improvement objectives for 2019 - 2020 and to seek Committee approval to issue these for public consultation in line with our statutory obligations.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>Members are asked to consider the draft improvement objectives for 2019-20, and subject to any agreed refinements, to authorise the public consultation required as part of the council's improvement duty. The proposed improvement objectives for 2019-20 are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> We will support people into employment (Working and Learning) We will support investment and business growth in the city (Growing the Economy) We will support the regeneration of the city centre and encourage investment (City Development)

2.2	<p>4. We will increase levels of household recycling and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill (City Development)</p> <p>5. We will support people to lead healthier more active lives by improving the quality of our parks and open spaces and increasing participation in physical activity and sport programmes (Living Here)</p> <p>6. We will support service improvement and increase customer satisfaction with council</p> <p>Subject to feedback from the public consultation, detailed actions, performance targets and alignment to inclusive growth will be developed.</p>
3.0	Key Issues
3.1	<p>Development our Improvement Objectives</p> <p>In developing the draft improvement objectives for 2019-20, we have taken account of previous public and stakeholder consultation and relevant performance data and service intelligence to assess ongoing need and priorities. As a result, we have retained a number of last year's improvement objectives reflecting the ongoing importance of these whilst also adding some new additional objectives.</p>
3.2	<p>Our improvement objectives remain aligned to the Belfast Agenda; however, this year as a result of feedback from the local government auditor, we have refocused them so that they better articulate the specific improvement actions and outcomes that council itself will deliver for the period 2019 - 20. In addition, we have incorporated a new organisational improvement objective aligned to improving our services and customer satisfaction as outlined within our Corporate Plan. We have also taken on board feedback from last year's public consultation, which suggested that residents would like to see a greater focus on improving core council services (parks, leisure, cleanliness etc.) reflected in our improvement objectives.</p>
3.3	<p>Next Steps</p> <p>Although the objectives are closely aligned to the Belfast Agenda and the extensive engagement that accompanied its development, we are obliged to consult with residents and key stakeholders regarding our annual improvement objectives. Subject to Committee approval, the draft improvement objectives will be issued for public consultation via our on-line platform for a period of 8 weeks. As response rates were low last year, greater promotion and targeted outreach through existing council communication channels and will accompany this consultation to encourage further resident input and improved response. An on-line consultation of this nature is permissible under the local government election protocols providing the pro-active outreach and engagement element is completed prior to 26th March.</p>

3.4	Council is legally required to publish a Council Improvement Plan by 30 th June each year. For 2019 - 20, we will publish a separate improvement plan (previously we incorporated it within the Corporate Plan) with improved easy read layout to help local people more fully understand how council will deliver on its improvement duty. A report will be brought to SP&R in June outlining the results of the consultation and any recommended changes; final improvement objectives will also be brought to the June SP&R in the form of a Draft Improvement Plan for approval and then published on the council website subject to full Council ratification.
3.5	<u>Resources Implications</u> There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no equality or rural need implications arising directly from this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None attached



Subject:	Leisure Transformation Programme: Assets Update
Date:	22 nd February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Gerry Millar, Director of Property & Projects Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources
Contact Officer:	Sinead Grimes, Programme Office Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report updates Members on the development and implementation of the £105m leisure assets capital programme.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• note the programme level update in respect of the new facilities under the leisure programme as outlined at 3.1• Olympia - note the performance indicators from the new Olympia at 3.3 below• Robinson – note that a separate report regarding the naming of Robinson is on the agenda for discussion at Committee today• Templemore - note that Templemore has been awarded £5m by HLF• Avoniel - Note that a planning consultation in relation to the proposals for Avoniel will take place in Avoniel Leisure Centre on 20th March 2019 and that construction works at Avoniel will be taken forward under the Council existing leisure contract with Heron’s• Girdwood - note that officers have met with DfC officials and are looking at next steps in relation to consultation and engagement on the options for Phase 2 and that DfC are looking at funding options for Phase 2 and have committed to coming back to the Council on this• note the update on the Social Responsibility Plan which is being delivered (see 3.13)																																
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3.1	<p>Programme level</p> <p>Members will recall that they have agreed the design cost limits and the citywide USP strategy for the Council’s £105m leisure programme, which will ensure that the city has a unique offering in terms of its leisure provision and minimises any duplication of provision ensuring both balanced investment and value for money. A high level summary of the current status of all the projects is outlined below -</p> <table><tr><th>CENTRE</th><th>USP</th><th>BUDGET</th><th>STATUS</th></tr><tr><td>Olympia</td><td>Sports Village</td><td>£19m (£21.75m total - £2.75m DfC)</td><td>Centre opened January 2017. See further detail below Phase 2 (outdoor space) officially opened at the end of May 2018</td></tr><tr><td>Andersonstown</td><td>Family fun leisure water</td><td>£25m</td><td>Works well underway. See images as Appendix 1</td></tr><tr><td>Robinson</td><td>Aquatic Centre</td><td>£20</td><td>Works well underway. See images as Appendix 1</td></tr><tr><td>Brook</td><td>Outdoor Centre of Excellence</td><td>£15m</td><td>Works well underway See images as Appendix 1</td></tr><tr><td>Avoniel</td><td>Outdoor Centre of Excellence</td><td>£8m</td><td>Centre will close and works will begin once Robinson opens</td></tr><tr><td>Templemore</td><td>Spa and heritage</td><td>£12m (£17m total - £5m HLF)</td><td>Application submitted to HLF. Decision on funding due on 11th December</td></tr><tr><td>Girdwood</td><td>TBC</td><td>£6m</td><td>Discussions continuing with DfC</td></tr></table> <p>Updates</p>	CENTRE	USP	BUDGET	STATUS	Olympia	Sports Village	£19m (£21.75m total - £2.75m DfC)	Centre opened January 2017. See further detail below Phase 2 (outdoor space) officially opened at the end of May 2018	Andersonstown	Family fun leisure water	£25m	Works well underway. See images as Appendix 1	Robinson	Aquatic Centre	£20	Works well underway. See images as Appendix 1	Brook	Outdoor Centre of Excellence	£15m	Works well underway See images as Appendix 1	Avoniel	Outdoor Centre of Excellence	£8m	Centre will close and works will begin once Robinson opens	Templemore	Spa and heritage	£12m (£17m total - £5m HLF)	Application submitted to HLF. Decision on funding due on 11 th December	Girdwood	TBC	£6m	Discussions continuing with DfC
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3.2 **Olympia** – The new centre offers two swimming pools, a split level 120 station gym, a dedicated spin studio, a four court main hall, a studio available for leisure and community use and a spa. The new Olympia was officially opened on 24th January 2017 and has received very positive feedback. There are also some impressive performance indicators in relation to usage of the new facility as outlined in the table below. **This evidences the impact of the Leisure Programme and is a testament to the ambition of Members to transform the city's leisure estate. Members are asked to note that GLL have also highlighted that Olympia is one of the best success stories.**

3.3

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	2015 – Old Olympia	2016 – Old Olympia	2017	2018 year end forecast	2019 forecast
Usage		145,593	233,738	332,000	379,000
Live membership	830	700	1863	2050	2400
Ave Membership			£21.50	£22.95	£24.00
Better Swim School	135	138	825	1228	1500
Income	£410,248	£426,954	£929,479	£1,267,506	£1,393,500
Staff / income ratio	153%	158%	78%	67%	65%
Full time staff	20	22	26.5	28	28.5
Internal Promotions		2	6	8	10
Staff annual costs	£628,570	£674,587	£724,993	£839,855	£916,763
Overtime annual	£56,787	£40,843	£8,070	£9,000	£6,000
Sickness	3.90%	7.90%	3.20%	0.14%	0.05%

- **Usage is increased to rise by over 160% by 2019** from the 2016 figures
- **The number of live members is predicted to increase by nearly 190% by 2019**
- **The number of participants using the Swim School has already risen by 500%** and is predicted to increase by 1000% by the end of 2019
- **Income is predicted to rise by nearly 250% by 2019**

This data shows the financial, people and community benefits that the new centre has had on the local area. The key learnings from Olympia will be applied to the next group of LTP centres.

3.4 Phase 2 of the works included the construction of a new pitch and play park, re-provision of Midgley Park, a new tree lined boulevard leading from the Boucher Road and the development of two commercial sites at the front of the site. This was officially opened at the end of May. Committee has agreed the disposal of the two commercial sites at the front of the sites and Council officers are working closely with the preferred developer on progressing this. Further updates will be brought to Committee in due course.

3.5 **Andersonstown, Brook and Robinson** – Works are well underway on the three new builds and all are currently on schedule. Pictures of the current status of the builds are attached at

Appendix 1. An aerial video of Brook is available on the Council website at - <http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/leisure/transformingleisure/brookactivitycentreregeneration.aspx>. Members are asked to note that updates on the progress of the builds are regularly provided on the Council website, Facebook and via social media and have received extremely positive feedback. A full communications plan is in place for the programme and both Members and the public will continue to be updated on the progress of the new builds.

- 3.6 Officers from Property & Projects and City & Neighbourhood Services teams are working closely with GLL to agree detail finish and fixture, fittings and equipment specifications for the three centres. GLL have commenced planning for recruitment, training and marketing and communications for the new centres. Further details on the mobilisation plans for the three new centres will be brought back to Committee in due course.
- 3.7 **Robinson** – Members are asked to note that a separate report in relation to the options for naming of Robinson is on the agenda for discussion at Committee today.
- 3.8 **Templemore** – The USP for Templemore is heritage and the redevelopment plans include retention of the existing swimming pool which will be refurbished, an additional 6 lane/25m pool, fitness suite, health suite, new changing facilities, meeting rooms, a café and heritage space within the existing Baths which will include museum style exhibits, interactive historical/educational elements and a flexible use interpretive space. Members will be aware that this project was dependent on funding from HLF and are asked to note that the round 2 **funding application was successful following consideration by HLF's Board of Trustees in December**. HLF will provide the Council with formal permission to start the delivery phase following the receipt of planning approval, which is expected by April 2019.
- 3.9 **Avoniel** – Members agreed in April 2016, that Avoniel would become a 'dry' centre with a focus on outdoor soccer facilities and that Templemore would become the 'wet' centre for inner east Belfast. Members will also be aware that a comprehensive consultation and engagement process was held in relation to the development proposals for Avoniel and Templemore between November 2017 and January 2018. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with 97% of respondents expressing support for Templemore and 85% expressing support for Avoniel. As part of the planning process for Avoniel a further consultation event will take place in Avoniel Leisure Centre on Wednesday 20th March from 3pm - 8pm.
- 3.10 Members have already agreed that the delivery of the Robinson, Avoniel and Templemore Baths projects in East Belfast are phased to ensure continuity of swimming provision and that Avoniel and Templemore will not close until the new Robinson opens. Council officers are already starting to look at the business continuity plans for both Avoniel and Templemore so that these facilities will be ready to close once the new Robinson is opened. Members will be aware that Heron Bros Ltd. were appointed as the contractor for the delivery of the new

facilities at Andersonstown, Robinson and Brook in the largest capital contract that the Council has awarded. Under this contract the Council reserved the right to add in Avoniel and Members are asked to note that, in line with this, Heron's will also be taking forward the construction works at Avoniel. This means that Heron's will be ready to commence works at Avoniel once Robinson is opened. Due to the nature of the works at Templemore, given its heritage and listed building status and funding requirements, this contract will be tendered separately and it is envisaged that this will go to out to tender in May with the contractor to be appointed by the Summer 2019.

3.11 Members are also asked to note that some correspondence had been received by Elected Members and officers in relation to concerns relating to the closure of the Avoniel Centre and a misconception about the facilities that would be available in the new centre and in East. The East AWG at its meeting on 7th February were updated on this and it was agreed that in order to better inform the public of the plans for each Leisure Centre, the floor plans and images of the new centres would be installed in each of the existing centres .

3.12 **Girdwood Phase 2** – Members will recall that it was agreed at Committee in November to move Girdwood Phase 2 to the next stage. Subsequent to this officers have had further discussions with DfC as the land owner of the Girdwood site. DFC have confirmed that any proposed building on the site must be within the parameters of the options set out within their EA and that any deviation to this would necessitate a new EA. DFC and the Council are currently looking at the next steps including consultation and engagement on the options within the EA. Further detail on this will be brought back to Committee. In addition Members are asked to note that DFC are looking at the funding for this project given the ongoing absence of an Executive and whether there are any other options available to progress this. DFC are currently discussing this with their Finance Department and have committed to following up with the Council.

3.13 **Social Responsibility – Economic and social benefit clauses**

In line with the Council's 'Social Clause Policy' Heron Brothers, as the leisure contractor, have been required to deliver the leisure contract in such a way so as to maximise the social, economic and environmental benefits for Belfast and its people through training and employment opportunities and, where practical, using local suppliers for goods and services. As part of this Heron's have developed a **Social Responsibility Plan** which focuses on a number of key areas including employment, promotion of local businesses and community and social initiatives. This work is being co-ordinated through the Council's Economic Development Team in the Place & Economy Department.

3.14 Members are asked to note the following key outcomes which have been delivered to date under the Social Responsibility Plan –

Employment

The creation of **employment opportunities was a central component of the Social Responsibility Plan including employment opportunities for the long term unemployed, apprentices and tertiary level students.** Employment outcomes are principally measured in employment weeks although additional indicators are also being monitored in terms of the number of jobs created, duration of employment etc. In regards to the employment opportunities targeted at the unemployed and economically inactive, the Employability & Skills Team have co-designed and delivered a **Construction Employment Academy.**

These Academies are targeted at supporting contractor to fulfil the employment and employments weeks, ensuring optimum outcomes in specific relation to those unemployed, economically inactive, apprentices/trainees and higher-level students. As of January 2019 Members are asked to note that the following employment opportunities have been delivered as part of the Council's leisure contract and **that the overall target number of weeks for employment, apprentices and paid placements has now been exceeded.**

	Target	Weeks Delivered	Individuals Recruited
Employment for long-term unemployed or economically inactive	620	489 (up from 167 in June 2018)	12 (up from 9 in June 2018)
Apprentice	620	1196 (up from 463 in June 2018)	34 (up from 13 in June 2018)
Paid Placement/Work Experience	1100	746 (up from 339 in June 2018)	14 (up from 13 in June 2018)
TOTAL	2340	2431	60

In addition to the employment figures outlined above Members are asked to note the following activities that Heron Bros. Ltd have taken forward as part of their Social Responsibility:

Promotion of Local Suppliers and Businesses

- A 'Business-to-Business' wall has been installed at each site for local businesses to promote their goods and services

Community Initiatives and Engagement

- Fund raising activities including a Cystic Fibrosis 'Trick or Treat' breakfast and a McMillian Cancer Coffee Morning
- Sponsorship of a range of community groups and festivals including Féile an Phobail; Clonduff July Festival; Colinglen Christmas tree and festival;
- Benefit in kind materials (fencing) to support West Spend summer festival and benefit in kind materials (brick) to help community memorial wall in Clonduff

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eight site employees have undertaken volunteering at Reconnect NI to lay new patio and tidy up the garden facilities for the local West Belfast charity <p>Sports Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership with GLL on summer 2019 cross community activities Sponsorship of Clonduff Under 14 Football Club Sponsorship of 'Run Belfast Hills' with North Belfast Harriers and National Trust. <p>Skills & Health Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked in partnership with Groundwork NI to plan and deliver the 'Grow Bus' to 4 cross community schools local to the sites to educate the children on the benefits of eating fruit and veg plus how to grow your own. <p>Update on the West£pend Initiative</p>
3.15	<p>The West£pend project aims to assist businesses to prosper and thrive during redevelopment and major construction work in the Andersonstown Road area. The objective is to help businesses retain and attract new customers while construction is taking place. Aiken PR were appointed to engage with businesses and utilise a budget of £20,000 to develop and deliver marketing and promotional activities, ongoing PR and social media campaigns and a targeted, value-for-money advertising campaign. This support was approved through the City Growth and Regeneration Committee. The project ends this month.</p>
3.16	<p>Members are asked to note that there was a high take up of the scheme in the local area with over 80 businesses opting in for support. Highlights of activities undertaken include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>A Summer Street Fair in August</i> - 22 businesses participated in offers. 500 people attended the event, there was widespread coverage before the event and a number of businesses highlighted that they had an increase in sales. <i>Pumpkin Festival Saturday 27 October</i> – range of Hallow'een activities including pumpkin carving workshops and window art. Attended by over 250 people. <i>Christmas Event and Christmas Light Switch on</i> – 1st December
3.17	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Financial – The design costs limits for each centre were agreed by Committee in April 2015 as part of the overall £105m leisure programme.</p>
3.18	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no direct equality implications</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Photos – Andersonstown and Robinson and Brook</p>

Appendix 1 – Leisure Transformation Update

Artist's Impression – Andersonstown



Andersonstown – Works Underway – February 2019



Artist's Impression – Brook



Brook – Works Underway – February 2018



Artist's Impression – Robinson



Robinson – Works Underway – February 2019



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Subject:	Physical Programme Update
Date:	22 February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Gerry Millar, Director of Property & Projects Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources
Contact Officer:	Sinead Grimes, Programme Office Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The Council's Capital programme is a rolling programme of investment which either improves the existing Council facilities or provides new Council facilities. This report highlights the status of projects under the Programme along with projects recommended to be moved Stages.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to – Proposed movements

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• agree that the Replacement Service Yard – Falls Park/City Cemetery project is moved to Stage 3- Committed on the Capital Programme. It is however recommended that this is held at Tier 0 – Schemes at Risk pending planning approval and the tender return price at which stage the final budget will be brought back to Committee. Members are further asked to agree that the necessary procurement processes be initiated as required with contracts to be awarded on the basis of most economically advantageous tenders received and full commitment to deliver• In agreeing the above Members are asked to note that the redevelopment and relocation of the Service Yard is required to facilitate the HLF – City Cemetery project and that not progressing this will jeopardise the HLF funding. It should also be noted that the existing service yard has been in place for over 20 years and is no longer fit for purpose.												
3.0	Main report												
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Proposed Movements – Capital Programme</p> <p>Members have previously agreed that all capital projects must go through a 3 Stage process where decisions on which projects progress are taken by SP&R. This provides assurance as to the level of financial control and will allow Members to properly consider the opportunity costs of approving one capital project over another capital project. Members are asked to agree to the following movements on the Capital Programme</p> <table><tr><th>Project</th><th>Overview</th><th>Stage</th></tr><tr><td>Replacement Service Yard – Falls Park/City Cemetery</td><td>New service yard provision in the Falls Park. This involves the relocation of the existing service at the City Cemetery site</td><td>Move to Stage 3- Committed Recommended to be held as at Tier 0 - Scheme at Risk pending tender return</td></tr></table> <p>Any project which is being moved from Stage 2 to Stage 3 under the Capital Programme is required as part of the Council three stage approval process to complete an Outline Business Case (OBC). Members are asked to note that the OBC for the above project has been completed and reviewed internally.</p> <p>Project Update – Replacement of the Service Yard - Falls Park/City Cemetery</p> <table><tr><td>Moved to Stage 2- Uncommitted on the Capital Programme</td><td>22 November 2013</td></tr><tr><td>Senior Responsible Owner (SRO)</td><td>Nigel Grimshaw</td></tr><tr><td>Client Department</td><td>City & Neighbourhood Services</td></tr></table>	Project	Overview	Stage	Replacement Service Yard – Falls Park/City Cemetery	New service yard provision in the Falls Park. This involves the relocation of the existing service at the City Cemetery site	Move to Stage 3- Committed Recommended to be held as at Tier 0 - Scheme at Risk pending tender return	Moved to Stage 2- Uncommitted on the Capital Programme	22 November 2013	Senior Responsible Owner (SRO)	Nigel Grimshaw	Client Department	City & Neighbourhood Services
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Members will be aware that in November 2017 they were advised that the Council had received funding of £1.67m from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards a £2.3m redevelopment and upgrade of the City Cemetery. The HLF funding will enable the Council to restore the City Cemetery's historic features, raise awareness of its rich heritage and reconnect people to it as a useable green space. This project is currently a Stage 3 – Committed project on the Capital Programme. Members are asked to note that, as part of the HLF processes, organisations must receive an 'Approval to Proceed' sign-off before works can be commenced. Members are asked to note that this has recently been received for the City Cemetery project.

Members will be aware that an integral part of the HLF City Cemetery upgrade project is the development of a new visitor centre close to the cemetery entrance. Due to the scarcity of suitable sites for this visitor centre, the site of the current service yard was agreed as only viable option for the location of the new centre. It should be noted that if the visitor centre does not proceed then this will jeopardise this element of the HLF funding and will also compromise the overall project and limit its benefits for local people and visitors.

From an operational perspective C&NS have confirmed that a service yard is required on the Falls Park/City Cemetery site. This Service Yard services both the park and the wider area and approx. 15 staff are based out of the site. Given the ongoing operational requirements and to ensure that no HLF funding is lost it is necessary to redevelop and relocate the existing service yard. The existing service yard in the City Cemetery has been in place for over 20 years and the buildings on the site are no longer 'fit for purpose'. Detailed investigations were undertaken into potential alternative locations for the Service Yard and a number of options were identified. After consideration of these options the preferred location for the new Service Yard is on an area behind the Foxes Lodge site. This area is currently not used for anything and was previously used as a Service Yard. This site is in close proximity to the current service yard, is already secured with a perimeter wall, is adjacent to the site boundary and is covered by CCTV. Staff have been consulted and are happy with both the proposed new location and the proposed designs for the new Yard. Subject to agreement it is envisaged that the Service Yard will be relocated in late Autumn with work to commence on the Visitor Centre following this.

It is therefore **recommended that the Replacement Service Yard – Falls Park/City Cemetery project is moved to Stage 3- Committed on the Capital Programme. It is however recommended that this is held at Tier 0 – Schemes at Risk pending planning approval and the tender return price.** At this stage the final budget will be brought back to Committee for sign-off and confirmation that it is within the affordability limits of the Council. This will ensure that there is no loss of funding from HLF and that the HLF can be delivered as originally intended. It will also ensure continuity of provision from a service and operational perspective and replace an asset which is no longer fit for purpose.

	Members are further asked to agree that the necessary procurement processes be initiated as required with contracts to be awarded on the basis of most economically advantageous tenders received and full commitment to deliver
3.1	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p><i>Financial</i> — Replacement Service Yard – Falls Park/City Cemetery – held at ‘Tier 0 -Scheme at risk’ pending planning approval and satisfactory tender return. At this stage the final budget will be brought back to Committee for sign-off and confirmation that it is within the affordability limits of the Council</p> <p><i>Resources</i> – Officer time to deliver as required</p>
3.2	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>All capital projects are screened as part of the stage approval process</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.



Subject:	Area Working Update
Date:	22 nd February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City & Neighbourhood Services Gerry Millar, Director of Property & Projects
Contact Officer:	Geoff Dickson, Strategic Planning & Policy Officer Jamie Uprichard, Community Planning Officer

Restricted Reports	
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To seek Members approval of the minutes of the most recent round of AWGs and any additional recommendation to the SP&R Committee arising from the meetings.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWG minutes Approve the most recent round of AWG Minutes (<i>West – 24th January; South – 28th January; North – 29th January; East – 7th February; and North – 18th February</i>) as attached at Appendix 1.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Belfast Investment Fund Agree the recommended proposal set out in 3.2 below from the East and North AWGs in relation to BIF.• Local Investment Fund Agree the recommended proposal set out in 3.3 below from the South AWG in relation to LIF.												
3.0	Main report												
3.1	<p><u>KEY ISSUES</u></p> <p>Area Working Group Minutes</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Members are asked to approve the most recent round of AWG Minutes (<i>West – 24th January; South – 28th January; North – 29th January; East – 7th February; and North – 18th February</i>) as attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p>Belfast Investment Fund</p> <p><u>East AWG</u> - At its meeting on 7th February, the East Belfast Area Working Group agreed to recommend to the SP&R Committee that the proposed project at St. John’s Orangefield, Church of Ireland be added as a Stage 1 – Emerging project under the Belfast Investment Fund.</p> <table><tr><th>Project</th><th>Stage</th><th>Notes</th></tr><tr><td>St. John’s Orangefield, Church of Ireland</td><td>Add as Stage 1 - Emerging</td><td>New project</td></tr></table> <p><u>North AWG</u> – At its meeting on 18th February, the North Belfast Area Working Group agreed to recommend to the SP&R Committee that, of the £750k BIF investment unallocated, £500k be allocated in principle to the Braeheid Project (Ulster Scots Hub) for the purchase of a building and £250k be allocated in principle to the development of a Cultural Community Hub Project at 952 Crumlin Road.</p> <table><tr><th>Project</th><th>Stage</th><th>Notes</th></tr><tr><td>Braeheid Project (Ulster Scots Hub)</td><td>Stage 1 - Emerging</td><td>Maximum allocation of £500,000 <i>(This funding is out of the £2.25m which was originally ringfenced by the North AWG for projects emerging from the Old Grove Masterplan and the Ballysillan Masterplan)</i></td></tr></table>	Project	Stage	Notes	St. John’s Orangefield, Church of Ireland	Add as Stage 1 - Emerging	New project	Project	Stage	Notes	Braeheid Project (Ulster Scots Hub)	Stage 1 - Emerging	Maximum allocation of £500,000 <i>(This funding is out of the £2.25m which was originally ringfenced by the North AWG for projects emerging from the Old Grove Masterplan and the Ballysillan Masterplan)</i>
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Cultural Community Hub Project (952 Crumlin Road)	New project – to be added as Stage 1 Emerging	Maximum allocation of £250,000 <i>(This funding is out of the £2.25m which was originally ringfenced by the North AWG for projects emerging from the Old Grove Masterplan and the Ballysillan Masterplan)</i>
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South AWG – Members are also asked to note the following BIF projects have been discussed at the Due Diligence Group and are ready to move to the next stage under BIF.

Project	Current Stage	New Stage
BIF35 Knockbreda Parish Church Hall	Stage 1	Move to Stage 2 – Uncommitted
BIF33 Linfield FC/ Boys Brigade and Belvoir FC	Stage 1	Move to Stage 2 – Uncommitted

Local Investment Fund

South AWG - At its meeting on 28th January, the South Belfast Area Working Group agreed to recommend to the SP&R Committee that the £10,000 which had previously been allocated to SOLAS (SLIF2-04) for the installation of access ramps be utilised instead to purchase a vehicle for transporting children with disabilities to after-school and respite services.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

3.4

There are no additional financial implications contained within this report.

EQUALITY OR GOOD RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS/RURAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

3.3

No implications.

4.0 Appendices – Documents attached

Appendix 1 – Minutes of the Area Working Groups

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West Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 24th January 2019

MEETING OF WEST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillor Baker (Chairperson);
Alderman Kingston; and
Councillors Attwood, Beattie, Black, Canavan, Carson, Corr,
Collins, Garrett, Heading, Hutchinson, O'Hara, Nic Biorna and
Walsh.

In attendance: Mr. N. Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and
Neighbourhood Services;
Ms. M. Bagnall, Project Sponsor;
Mrs. T. Slevin, Project Manager;
Mr. G. Dickson, Policy and Performance Analyst; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillors Groves and Magennis.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd November were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Declarations of Interest

- Councillors Attwood and O'Hara declared an interest as Directors of the Colin Glen Trust; and
- Councillors Canavan, Carson, Garrett and Hutchinson declared an interest in agenda item 6. (a) Braidwater Homes in that they were all Members of the Planning Committee and they left the meeting while the matter was under consideration.

Decision Tracker

The Policy and Performance Analyst 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 22nd November.

Noted.

Presentations

Brassneck Theatre Company

The Chairperson welcomed Mr. T. Devlin and Mrs. A. McCrudden, representing Brassneck Theatre Company, to the meeting.

Mrs. McCrudden reminded the Working Group that it had previously received a presentation approximately a year ago regarding the organisation's proposal and she thanked the Members for the opportunity to update on how the proposal had progressed during this time.

By way of background information, she recapped that the Brassneck Theatre Company had been established in 2007 and Brassneck Youth had been setup in 2015.

She then detailed its various Strands of Works as follows:

- Creation: quality, accessible and professional theatre;
- Development: local artists, writers, designers and technicians;
- Contribution: to the reimagining of West Belfast;
- Promotion: themes of identity, history, culture and tolerance;
- Representation: local communities by providing them with a collective and inclusive voice; and
- Collaboration: with new and existing funders as well as private sponsors towards sustainability.

She advised that the youth organisation provided weekly classes, outreach projects, masterclasses and theatre visits and she proceeded to detail some of the benefits of this work as follows, increased self-esteem, confidence building, increased social skills and leadership skills.

The Working Group was advised that the feasibility study that had been discussed at the last meeting had been completed in September 2018. This had assessed the economic, social, community and cultural viability of establishing a dedicated, multi-purpose theatre space in West Belfast and she detailed the results as follows:

- it had proved conclusively that there was a sizeable markets for Brassneck Theatre Co productions/youth theatre training which was unique and growing;
- west Belfast had a rich tradition of drama and cultural activities. There was no suitable professional venue in West Belfast for Brassneck to develop its offer from;
- Brassneck Youth had a real opportunity to expand in partnership with Belfast Metropolitan College, Queens University and NI Screen;
- Brassneck had an enviable track record of delivering quality new theatre to new and existing audiences; and
- the new venue would not only house theatre, but it would be a performing arts space for music, festivals, dance, youth drama, cross community programmes.

Mrs. McCrudden advised that the Company wished to progress to a Green Book Economic Appraisal (EA). She stated that it would consider and identify the various options to progress the recommendations from the feasibility study and would include consideration of the proposed locations, capacity and options for delivery. The EA would agree the preferred option to progress the proposal and would identify the funding and investment that would be required.

The representative advised that the Theatre Company had already been awarded £5,000 from the Arts Council Northern Ireland towards the Economic Appraisal and detailed that they were asking the Council to match fund this. In addition, it was seeking the Council to partner it in exploring how its vision could be transformed into action.

Following a query, the representative clarified that other premises were also being considered other than the Press Hall, this would be a necessary element of the Economic Appraisal as it would help assess whether the proposed premises represented value for money.

At this stage in the proceedings, the Chairperson thanked the representatives and they left the meeting.

The Working Group considered the possibility of match funding the Arts Council's contribution of £5,000 to help the organisation progress its economic appraisal.

Following discussion, it was agreed that officers would liaise with the Council's Economic Development Section to ascertain if it would be possible to secure match funding from its existing budgets.

Sports and Leisure Swifts Football Club

The Chairperson welcomed Mr. P. Kane, representing Sport and Leisure Swifts Football Club, to the meeting.

Mr. Kane provided the Members with background information on Sport and Leisure Swifts Football Club and its work and involvement with the local community.

The representative proceeded to outline the Club's vision to create a fully professional Football Club in west Belfast and which would include:

- ensuring that all coaching staff would be remunerated;
- ensuring all first teams and development squad players were on professional contracts;
- developing links with all amateur teams in West Belfast to benefit from a system encouraging any players coming through Belfast Celtic to be remunerated for their time and effort (beyond the youth system);
- to develop its own Football Academy;
- to provide employment in the west of Belfast and over the next five years to provide opportunities not just for players but for coaching staff, grounds men and stewards;
- to provide an opportunity for young people to support a competitive team that is striving to play in the top flight domestically and in Europe; and
- to ensure that all players at the club, irrespective of age, would play football for free.

The representative advised the Working Group that it was envisaged that the finished project would result in the creation of a community hub in the Glen Road Area that would integrate sport and communities and he sought the Council's assistance in progressing the initiative, along with the following:

- match funding for the redevelopment of playing surfaces and facilities;
- help with the promotion of Belfast Celtic F.C. as an integral part of Professional Football in west Belfast, and for the entire City;
- to buy into the ethos of free football for all players;
- to encourage the planners and developers of the new housing estates surrounding the Club to engage in practical ways to help provide community access and facilities.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for attending and for the excellent work that Sport and Leisure Swifts F.C. undertook with the local community and he retired from the room.

The Members discussed the need for such proposals to be considered within the context of the long term development of the Glen Road.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting that would give consideration to the various proposals for the area and options as to how the Council could assist in progressing these initiatives to ensure a partnership approach was adopted.

Peace IV – Transform for Change Update

(Miss. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager, and Ms. K. McIvor, Building Positive Relations Project Manager, attended in connection with this item).

The Good Relations Manager provided the Members with an overview in respect of the Peace IV Programme which was a European Union (EU) funded programme that had been designed to support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the border region. The Programme was managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

She advised that the programme had two horizontal principles: Sustainable Development and Equal Opportunities. There was a strong focus on sustained, meaningful and purposeful cross-community work.

The Project Manager then advised that, under the theme of Building Positive Relations, which related to the Transform for Change project, the objective was “the promotion of positive relations characterised by respect, and where cultural diversity is celebrated and people can live, learn and socialize together, free from prejudice, hate and intolerance.”

She explained that the aim of the Transform for Change Programme was to develop new, innovative and collaborative approaches to peace building, reconciliation and addressing prolonged social and economic disadvantages as a result of living in segregated communities in Belfast. It aimed to build the leadership skills of citizens, the political sector, public and statutory providers to work collectively at addressing issues of division, segregation, prejudice and hate that directly impacted on individual life opportunities and community cohesion. It was also about the changing the way services were delivered.

She advised that the project would create opportunities for meaningful dialogue and the development of strengthened voices across interfaces.

She advised that the Transform for Change project would focus on creating a new strategic model of cohesive working together on an area basis. As the community planning framework continued to emerge, the project would provide benefit to the wider community enabling leadership and transformation for change to improve outcomes at a local level.

She detailed the proposed targeted areas which were made up of 15 clusters across interfaces as follows:

1. Suffolk/Lenadoon;
2. Springfield Road;
3. Falls/Shankill;
4. The Village/Westlink;

5. Inner Ring;
6. Duncairn Gardens;
7. Limestone Road/Alexandra Park;
8. Lower Oldpark/Manor Street;
9. Crumlin Road/Ardoyne/Gkenbryn;
10. Ligoniel;
11. Whitewell Road/Longlands; and
12. Shortstrand/Inner East.

The Target Beneficiaries – 960 Participants

- Political: Policy Framers and Decision Makers;
- Community, Voluntary and Social Enterprises: Current and next generation leaders;
- Faith Based Organisations;
- Public Bodies and Agencies;
- Area and Regional Support Organisations; and
- Funders and Charitable Foundations.

The officers provided the Members with an overview of the Integrated Delivery model, timeline and engagement plans.

In response to a Member's question regarding the clusters, the officer confirmed that these were indicative areas but would need to be approved through the Shared City Partnership and she encouraged the Members to actively encourage participation in their constituency areas.

The officers explained that they hoped to engage 960 participants in the programme, to include 90 from the political sphere, 720 from the Community, Voluntary and Social Enterprise sector, 150 from public agencies as well as representatives from regional support organisations and charitable foundations.

During discussion, a Member stated that it would be useful for officers to engage with those who had been involved in similar programmes previously. The Project Manager explained that they would be building on previous work which had been carried out and would also be working with The Executive Office.

The Chairperson thanked the officers for the update provided.

Amazing Spaces Smart Places' Small Business Research Initiative

(Mrs. A. Allen, Neighbourhood Services Manager, and Ms. D. Smyth, Safer City Assistant Manager, attended in connection with this item).

"1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

- 1.1 **The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the 'Amazing Spaces Smart Places', Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) challenge. £120,000 of funding for Small Medium Enterprises (including community and voluntary organisations) was awarded by the Department for Economy to a partnership between Department of Justice and Belfast City Council to explore the use of innovative digital technology and data-driven solutions to help manage parks and open spaces.**

2.0 Recommendations

Area Working Group Members are asked to note the update, in particular the assurance arrangements in place to manage potential privacy and data protection implications.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

3.1 People and Communities Committee have been updated in recent months as part of the quarterly ASB Update on the progress of this initiative. Since the last update to Members, the challenge was officially launched, expressions of interest received and shortlisted.

3.2 The final selection panel involved range of Council Officers (Community Safety, Parks, Business Development and Smart Cities) as well as the Department of Justice, Department for Economy and the Strategic Investment Board. Dublin City Council have been in attendance throughout as through their own Smart Cities Team identified the similarities in the challenges Belfast and Dublin are experiencing. Dublin City Council also made a small financial contribution to the project to allow them to work with successful companies on testing in Dublin if appropriate.

3.3 Members should note however, the majority of testing and solution development will take place within Belfast.

3.4 A number of well attended information sessions were rolled out across the city and sixteen applications received & reviewed, including from SME's based in Belfast. As a result of the final selection process five awards have been made to SME's working in the following areas:

3.5

1. An Internet of Things (IoT) network anonymously logs presence of smartphones in the park. Analytics provided on a cloud-based platform to inform park managers of usage/resources and interventions needed.

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2. A real time solution for the public and park managers detailing what is happening in parks and open spaces. Company plans to provide insights using a variety of data including Wi-Fi data. It will also test the use of QR codes on park signage to encourage greater engagement.

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3. A dashboard with real time information for park users and managers on usage of facilities to support booking, allocation of resources and planning. The proposal builds on an existing pitch booking solution that collects data on 'organised' usage of facilities and will add data on 'ad hoc' usage. 'Ad hoc' data gathered via Wi-Fi probe devices or dongle and software will anonymously log when a device sends a Wi-Fi request.

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- 4. A solution that encourages ‘civic’ action to ensure parks and open spaces are well maintained. Individuals who earn ‘Civic Dollars’ as a reward for use of parks & reporting issues etc. Devices carried by individuals will connect to beacons that use Wi-Fi or IoT technology. Small, temporary beacons installed onto lampposts. Citizens who sign up will gain rewards via a social digital currency built on Blockchain.**

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- 5. A flexible low cost system located on street furniture that uses artificial intelligence and machine vision to provide real time alerts to relevant agencies when unusual activity is taking. This is not a human-operated CCTV system – rather it is a less-invasive rules-based system that will train itself to generate alerts based on unusual activity.**

3.10 In the coming weeks Officers will support the successful SME’s in engaging directly with community, residents and ‘friends of’ groups who have interests and/or are users of the parks/open spaces the technology will be developed to support.

A primary focus of the project is to discover how technology may innovate open space management and help address the challenges and impacts of anti-social behaviour as well as encouraging positive usage.

3.11 The technology will be developed with communities at a small number of parks and open spaces in North, South, East and West Belfast. The site list is being finalised but the following factors are being considered in the selection:

- Current priorities being managed within the department**
- A site which maximises the potential return**
- Community interest/ support**
- ASB hotspots**
- Geographical suitability**
- Type of activity being targeted e.g. transient/ ASB or utilisation etc.**

3.12 Each test will be completed in Phase 1 (end March 2019).

3.13 The objective of the Phase 1 funding is to determine the viability of the technological solutions proposed in achieving the project objectives of promoting safe and positive parks and open spaces.

3.14 An end of Phase 1 update will be brought to both People and Communities and Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in due course.

Privacy Impact/Data Protection

- 3.15** Real and perceived concerns about any privacy/data protection impacts from the project were identified at the initiation stage and a full privacy/data protection screening exercise was completed.
- 3.16** Additionally, an element of the essential criteria within the assessment process was that SME's making an application had to demonstrate how they would manage any privacy/data protection implications and put control measures in place.
- 3.17** Council's Information Governance Unit (within Legal Services) are actively engaged in providing support to Officers and the successful SME's in ensuring ongoing and full compliance with legislation and Information Commissioner Officer Guidance.

3.18 Financial & Resource Implications

The total available project budget is £120,000. The Department for Economy have provided £100,000 of this funding with Dublin City Council providing another £10,000. Given the potential for this work to have a positive impact on reducing anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces and encouraging positive use, City and Neighbourhood Services have contributed £10,000.

3.19 Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

As mentioned in the main report, equality and privacy implications have been proactively managed & mitigated on an ongoing basis. This includes avoiding bias or stereotyping in the project. The equality and privacy impact screening process remains under review."

A number of Members raised concern regarding data protection implications in respect of collection personal data pertaining to youths.

The Neighbourhood Services Manager advised the Members that the development of any technology was in its early initial stages and advised that the majority of testing and solution development would take place within Belfast. She stated that the primary focus of the project would be to discover how technology could potentially innovate open space management and help to address the challenges and impacts of anti-social behaviour and added that the privacy impact of any new technology would be of paramount importance.

The Members reiterated their concern regarding the collection of data relating to young people and expressed concern that this might, in the long term, be shared with other statutory agencies.

In response to a number of Members' questions, she confirmed to the Working Group that no personal sensitive data would be collected as part of the initiative and she undertook to seek assurances around the sharing of information and data protection implications.

The Members noted the information which had been provided and that the report would be submitted to the People and Communities for further consideration.

Cherry Wildlife Garden

Following a request from a Member at a previous meeting of the Working Group, the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services referred the Members to a report which

detailed proposals regarding the potential for a piece of land at Summer Hill Road, Twinbrook to become a 'wildlife garden'.

The Director provided an overview of the Council's existing site at this location which had transferred to the Council under Local Government Reform in 2014. To date, the Council had invested 83K in upgrading the entrance, pathways and the open green space. This had included drainage of the site and the planting of semi mature trees to screen the properties to the side of the site.

He advised that the site had experienced some levels of anti-social activity in the past but there had been no significant reports in this area recently.

The Director reported that the Council was currently in the process of acquiring the lands at Summer Hill Road at a cost of approximately £13,800. This would ensure that the site was maintained to the same standard as the Council owned land. The site was currently used for small-scale community/school events which were delivered by the outreach team for west Belfast. He stated that, physically, the site could accommodate a community garden or allotments but contamination surveys would be required to determine ground suitability which would incur additional costs. In addition, a boundary fence would be required to prevent dog access.

The Working Group was also asked to note that:

- site lines to the site would be very important for natural safety;
- there was no boundary fence and it would be difficult to secure the site as the connection between Twinbrook and the Areema area needed to remain open;
- the installation of lighting in the park would be required to improve safety;
- the Council would be required to install new signage and an information panel to maximise user awareness of the rich biodiversity in the area to residents visitors;
- the Council would be required to remove the security screen at the entrance and replace it with a similar railing which would complement the entrance to the Areema housing estate; and
- a motion was currently being considered regarding the installation of lights throughout a range of Council parks and open spaces and the associated affordability issues.

The Director reported that the total estimated cost for all the aforementioned elements was £126,790. This did not include any land surveys or other professional fees and charges. He advised that this project was not on the list of approved and agreed capital projects and was currently on a list of a much longer emerging projects with no capital finance available at present. Additionally, no budget was available with the City and Neighbourhood Services revenue budgets to support any of the identified works.

A Member detailed the need for this project to be progressed due to ongoing antisocial behaviour in the location. She stated that whilst she acknowledged that no funding currently was available she would welcome the opportunity for officers to investigate if other funding streams were available.

The Working Group agreed that officers would engage with external funders in an attempt to identify if any funding opportunities were available which would support the development of a community garden at this location.

Physical Programme Update

The Working Group considered the undernoted report:

“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.

Members will be aware, through the recent round of Party Group briefings and through the SP&R report in November, that the key issue going forward for the physical programme is the overall affordability of the Programme with no agreed future allocations for LIF/BIF and a limited amount of capital financing to support the capital programme. Currently there is a ‘wish-list’ of over 50 potential capital programme proposals which have come forward through the AWGs/Party Group and there is no capacity to deliver these – both from a financial and resource perspective. In addition there is a growing list of community projects that are seeking support and there is no mechanism under which to fund these going forward. Members are therefore asked to consider this going forward – particularly in respect of any new project proposals – either under the capital programme or from Groups.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to note the contents of this report specifically –

- the updates on LIF attached (Appendix 1) and the progress on LIF projects - Paisley Park, Colin Valley FC and Lamh Dhearg GAC
- note the PEACEIV workshop event on Thursday, 31st January 2019

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			1 (5%)	£60,000
Number of Projects in Pre-construction			4 (21%)	£191,000

Number of Projects in Initial Stage (Due Diligence)			2 (11%)	£98,212
Total Number of Approved Projects	25	£1,567,500	19	£1,200,000

WLIF2-24 Paisley Park Sportsplex – The project went through Due Diligence on 20th December 2018, subject to conditions. Additional funding is required to provide a full funding package to deliver the project. Officers leading discussions with DfC in particular in the first instance; and Alpha Programme, to examine delivery timescales and options.

WLIF2-16 Colin Valley Football Club – The club have completed the quotation process and appointed a contractor. Construction is due to start in early 2019.

WLIF2-06 Lamh Dhearg GAC – Group have completed the procurement process and contractor has been appointed. Works on the extension of the existing changing and toilet facilities are well underway.

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

Project	Status and update
Davitts GAC	Project complete. Discussion with Officers and the group ongoing around the official launch. Council/ AWG to be kept updated. Monitoring exercise to be carried out.
Raidió Fáilte	Project complete. Discussion with Officers and the group ongoing around the official launch. Council/ AWG to be kept updated. Monitoring exercise to be 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. Golf driving range due for completion by end of January and dome pitch by March 2019. DAERA application for zipline has now submitted.
Glencairn Community Project	Officers have meet EA representatives on 15 th January 2019 to discuss the financial contributions towards the project. Number of issues to be resolved but work is ongoing to address these. Further update to be provided at February meeting. Ongoing engagement with the group.
Royal British Legion	Officer have meet the group representatives on 16 th January 2019 to discuss the project moving forward. Project proposal now includes the purchase and refurbishment of the existing building. Ongoing engagement with the group.

5. **Capital Programme**

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
Davitts GAC	Project complete. Discussion with Officers and the group ongoing around the official launch. Council/ AWG to be kept updated. Monitoring exercise to be carried out.
Raidió Fáilte	Project complete. Discussion with Officers and the group ongoing around the official launch. Council/ AWG to be kept updated. Monitoring exercise to be 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. Golf driving range due for completion by end of January and dome pitch by March 2019. DAERA application for zipline has now submitted.
Glencairn Community Project	Officers have meet EA representatives on 15 th January 2019 to discuss the financial contributions towards the project. Number of issues to be resolved but work is ongoing to address these. Further update to be provided at February meeting. Ongoing engagement with the group.
Royal British Legion	Officer have meet the group representatives on 16 th January 2019 to discuss the project moving forward. Project proposal now includes the purchase and refurbishment of the existing building. Ongoing engagement with the group.

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. Tenders for enabling works + interpretative works will be scored by end of January 2019 with the view to progressing the project.
James Connolly Interpretative Centre	Development of a dedicated interactive exhibition, study area, library of Connolly's writing and tourist facilities. The project is currently on-site with the completion date planned for April 2019.
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 has been signed. Procurement of design team underway in advance of BCC delivery.
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. Group pulling together business plan and relevant paperwork to take to Due Diligence on February 2019. Awaiting documentations from group.

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 & HLC Improvements Project	Contractor procurement stage. Due on site in Jan/ Feb 2019
Footprints Women's Centre	Contractor procurement stage. 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. The project business case has been finalised and is now with the Department of Finance."

Several Members referred to the lands at Beechmount and the legal opinion that had been circulated by the City Solicitor which had advised that it would be for the Council to determine what prospective use would best fit the current and future community needs.

Following discussion, it was agreed that, when the Council was progressing the project, the vision for the area that had been developed by Forbairt Feirste would be considered within the context of the overall development brief.

It was further agreed that officers would provide an update in respect of the Black's Path, Dunmurry at the next meeting.

Braidwater Homes

(At this stage in proceedings Councillors Canavan, Carson, Garrett and Hutchinson left the meeting).

The Working Group was advised that Braidwater/Apex HA had recently acquired the Glenmona site which was the single largest plot of the ten identified sites in the Glen Road Development Framework. This site currently had outline planning consent for a mixed use development of residential units, community and culture, offices, light industrial, local retail, hotel, educational and care home. The Working Group noted that the BMAP key site requirement was for a 50:50 split between private and social housing.

Braidwater had contacted the Council to outline its initial ideas and approach to the development of housing and, in particular, to discuss how the development might link with the Council's Peace IV Connecting Open Spaces project. An early draft of the concept plan indicated that further discussions would be required with the Council, neighbouring landowners, the Department for Communities and Invest NI.

In the interim period, Braidwater had offered to arrange a site visit for Elected Members to its Skeoge development which was similar in size to that of the proposed Glenmona site.

The Working Group agreed that officers liaise with Braidwater to convene a site visit to its Skeoge development.

Date of Next Meeting

The Working Group noted that the next meeting would take place at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, 28th February.

Chairperson

South Belfast Area Working Group

Monday, 28th January, 2019

MEETING OF SOUTH BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillors Boyle, Dudgeon and McAteer.

In attendance: Mrs. R. Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services;
Mrs. C. Reynolds, City Regeneration and Development
Lead Officer;
Mr. S. Leonard, Neighbourhood Services Manager;
Ms. S. Grimes, Programme Office Manager; and
Mr. H. Downey, Democratic Services Officer.

Chairing of Meeting

In the absence of the Chairperson (Councillor Craig), it was agreed that Councillor Dudgeon take the Chair.

(Councillor Dudgeon in the Chair)

Apologies

An apology for inability to attend was reported on behalf of the Chairperson (Councillor Craig.)

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd October were approved.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Amazing Spaces Smart Places Small Business Research Initiative

(Ms. A. Allen, Neighbourhood Services Manager, attended in connection with this item.)

The Working Group considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the ‘Amazing Spaces Smart Places’, Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) challenge. £120,000 of funding for Small Medium Enterprises (including community and voluntary organisations) was awarded by the Department**

for Economy to a partnership between Department of Justice and Belfast City Council to explore the use of innovative digital technology and data-driven solutions to help manage parks and open spaces.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1** The Working Group is requested to note the update, in particular the assurance arrangements in place to manage potential privacy and data protection implications.

3.0 Main Report

Key Issues

- 3.1** The People and Communities Committee has received updates in recent months, as part of the quarterly ASB update on the progress of this initiative. Since the last update to Members, the challenge was officially launched, expressions of interest received and shortlisted.
- 3.2** The final selection panel involved a range of Council officers (Community Safety, Parks, Business Development and Smart Cities) as well as the Department of Justice, Department for Economy and the Strategic Investment Board. Dublin City Council has been in attendance throughout, as through its own Smart Cities Team identified the similarities in the challenges Belfast and Dublin are experiencing. Dublin City Council also made a small financial contribution to the project to allow them to work with successful companies on testing in Dublin if appropriate.
- 3.3** Members should note however, that the majority of testing and solution development will take place within Belfast.
- 3.4** A number of well attended information sessions were rolled out across the city and sixteen applications received and reviewed, including from SME's based in Belfast. As a result of the final selection process, five awards have been made to SME's working in the following areas:
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- current priorities being managed within the department
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 - geographical suitability
 - type of activity being targeted e.g. transient/ ASB or utilisation etc.
- 3.8 Each test will be completed in Phase 1 (end March 2019).

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- 3.10 An end of Phase 1 update will be brought to both People and Communities and Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in due course.

Privacy Impact/Data Protection

- 3.11 Real and perceived concerns about any privacy/data protection impacts from the project were identified at the initiation stage and a full privacy/data protection screening exercise was completed.
- 3.12 Additionally, an element of the essential criteria within the assessment process was that SME's making an application had to demonstrate how they would manage any privacy/data protection implications and put control measures in place.
- 3.13 The Council's Information Governance Unit (within Legal Services) is actively engaged in providing support to Officers and the successful SME's in ensuring ongoing and full compliance with legislation and Information Commissioner Officer Guidance.

3.14 Financial and Resource Implications

The total available project budget is £120,000. The Department for Economy has provided £100,000 of this funding, with Dublin City Council providing another £10,000. Given the potential for this work to have a positive impact on reducing anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces and encouraging positive use, City and Neighbourhood Services has contributed £10,000.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

- 3.15 As mentioned earlier in this report, equality and privacy implications have been proactively managed and mitigated on an ongoing basis. This includes avoiding bias or stereotyping in the project. The equality and privacy impact screening process remains under review.”

After discussion, the Working Group noted the contents of the report.

Peace IV: Building Positive Relations – Transform for Change

(Mrs. D. McKinney, Programme Manager, and Ms. K. McIvor, Building Positive Relations Project Manager, attended in connection with this item).

The Project Manager informed the Working Group that the PEACE IV Programme, which was managed by the Special European Union Programmes Body, was a European Union funded initiative which had been designed to support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the border region.

She drew the Members' attention to the Transform for Change element of the Building Positive Relations theme within the Programme and pointed out that it would seek to develop new, innovative and collaborative approaches to peace building, reconciliation and address prolonged social and economic disadvantages as a result of living in segregated communities in Belfast. It would seek also to build the leadership skills of citizens, policy makers and public and statutory providers to enable them to work collectively to address issues of division, segregation, prejudice and hate which impacted directly on individual life opportunities and community cohesion.

She highlighted the fact that there were currently many local neighbourhood plans being implemented individually across the City by communities, statutory agencies and the Council, which resulted in conflicting priorities and competition for limited resources. The Transform for Change initiative would, she indicated, focus upon creating a new strategic model of cohesive working together on an area basis and, as the community planning framework continued to emerge, would provide benefit to the wider community by improving outcomes at a local level.

The Project Manager explained that the 960 participants in the initiative would be drawn from policy framers/decision-makers, community, voluntary and social enterprises, faith-based organisations, public bodies and agencies, area and regional support organisations and funders and charitable foundations across the following interface clusters/neighbourhoods:

1. Crumlin Road/Ardoyne/Glenbryn;
2. Duncairn Gardens;
3. Falls/Shankill;
4. Inner Ring;
5. Ligoniel;
6. Limestone Road/Alexandra Park;
7. Lower Oldpark/Manor Street;
8. Short Strand/Inner East;
9. Springfield Road;
10. Suffolk/Lenadoon;
11. The Village/Westlink; and
12. Whitewell Road/Longlands.

She concluded by providing Members with details of the integrated delivery model, timeline and engagement plans associated with the Transform for Change initiative.

In response to a Member's query regarding the potential inclusion of the Belvoir and Taughmonagh areas, the Project Manager confirmed that this was an indicative list and that other would be considered.

The Chairperson thanked the Programme Manager and the Project Manager, following which the Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

Update on Physical Programme

The Programme Office Manager submitted for the Working Group's consideration the following report:

“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) 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

The Working Group is requested to:

- note the contents of this report and the updates on LIF projects, details of which were circulated;
- note the Belfast South Community Resources completed project and the official opening of the Taughmonagh Health Business Centre;
- approve the request from SOLAS to use its additional £10k LIF funding towards the purchase of a vehicle;
- note the movement of two BIF projects, namely, Knockbreda Parish Hall and Linfield FC/ Boys Brigade and Belvoir FC to Stage 2- Uncommitted Projects;
- note that works at Pitches Programme - Ulidia Playing Fields have been completed; and
- note the update of the proposed Strangford Avenue Trim Trail

3. Local Investment Fund

To date 24 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 has been circulated.

	LIF 1		LIF 2	
Stage/ Description	Projects	Amount/ Value (£)	Projects	Amount/ Value (£)

Number of Projects Completed	12 (92%)	£1,053,600	9 (82%)	£676,000
Number of Projects in Delivery				
Number of Projects in Pre-construction			1 (9%)	£80,000
Number of Project in Initial Stage (Due Diligence)	1 (8%)	£30,000	1 (9%)	£40,000
Total Number of Approved Projects	13	£1,083,600	11	£796,000

Members are asked to note the following LIF updates –

- **Belfast South Community Resources (SLIF11) – the building purchase and refurbishment of the BSRC centre has been completed;**
- **Taughmonagh Community Forum (SLIF064) – the new gym equipment for the Taughmonagh Healthy Business Centre has been completed and installed. The LIF funded project complements the new enterprise centre of the local community, which is funded by SIF. The Taughmonagh Community Forum will be holding an official opening on the project. AWG will be informed, once the date and time is confirmed; and**
- **SOLAS (SLIF2-04) – the AWG on 25th October, 2017, agreed to grant additional £10k to fund the installation of DDA access ramps to groups' mobile units. However, the group have advised that they now wish to use this for the purchase of company vehicle for transporting children with disabilities to after-school and respite services, as per the letter dated 15th January 2019, a copy of which was circulated. The request was discussed at the Due Diligence Group on 17th January 2019. The DD Group recognised the merit of such request, confirmed that purchase of the vehicle is a capital project and referred the final decision to the AWG. AWG is asked to approve the SOLAS request to reallocate the additional £10k LIF funding for the purchase of a vehicle.**

4. **Belfast Investment Fund**

To date, 6 projects have received an in-principle funding commitment under BIF. There is 1 project on the BIF list that has no commitment.

South	Stage 3—Lagan Gateway—£2.1m; Lanyon Tunnels—£1.3m; Bredagh GAC- £700k Stage 2— Gilpins— £1.3m Stage 1— <i>Belfast Islamic Centre—no commitment</i>
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Balmoral DEA	Stage 1— <i>Linfield FC/ Boys Brigade and Belvoir FC—£250k; Knockbrea Parish Church Hall—£250k</i>
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Brief updates on the projects which have received in-principle funding are provided below:

Project	Status and update
Lagan Gateway	Project works on site has been stopped as the contractor went into administration. Procurement of new contractor ongoing and PQQ released.
Lanyon Tunnels	Project has been delayed due to legal proceedings regarding the adjacent development. Officer has looked at the feasibility for an alternative solution with a single access from the Lanyon side. However, MDA have made it clear that they are not willing to look at another option – has potential impact on the BIF and SIF funding. Awaiting decision on adjacent Planning Application before determining next steps.
Bredagh GAC	Officers have been working with the club to try to resolve an access issue to the left hand side of the site to allow construction. This issue is close to a resolution but the group are yet to sign the agreement. Council will then assist in appointing a design team.
Gilpins	Meetings took place with Department for Communities and community stakeholders. DfC to formally confirm commitment as Lead Partner. There is a requirement to fully scope out project in terms of community and political requirements for the scheme.
Linfield FC/ Boys Brigade and Belvoir FC *	See below
Knockbrea Parish Church Hall *	See below

*** Outer South projects**

Members are asked to note that the 2 BIF projects have been discussed at the Due Diligence at different occasions and are ready to move to the next stage under BIF. This will be

reported to the next Strategic Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

Project	Update	Recommendation
BIF35 Knockbreda Parish Church Hall	Discussed at Due Diligence on the 24 th October 2018. Business Plan now completed. DD is content on the information provided for BIF Stage (Checkpoint 1) and the sign-off the project to proceed.	Moved to Stage 2- Uncommitted Progressing to detailed design
BIF33 Linfield FC/ Boys Brigade and Belvoir FC	BIF support to focus on Phase 1A of the sports hub project i.e. replacement of Belvoir FCs grass football with associated widen of adjacent road access and resurface of existing car park. Discussed at BIF Due Diligence on 6 th Sept 2018. Business Plan/ feasibility study provided. Awaiting further information from their consultants on land tenure/ ownership. DD content on the information provided for BIF Stage 1 (Checkpoint 1) and sign-off the project	Moved to Stage 2- Uncommitted

5. Capital Programme

The Capital Programme is the rolling programme of enhancing existing Council assets or building / buying new ones. Below are the updates on the projects under the programme in South Belfast.

Project	Status and update
Pitches Programme- Ulidia Playing Fields	Stage 3 – Committed. Project works complete. Handed over to City and Neighbourhood Services
LTP- Olympia	Stage 3 – Committed. Project completed
Alleygating Phase 4 – City wide	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground
Playground Refurbishment Programme 2018/2019 – City wide	Stage 3 – Committed. On Ground Fullerton and Barnettts Playground – to be completed by March 2019
Palm House, Botanic Gardens	Stage 1- Emerging. Link to Tropical Ravine

Strangford Avenue/ Playing Fields Trim Trail – The Working Group will note that, on 26th March 2018, it agreed to examine the feasibility of the development of cycle path/trim trail at

Strangford Playing Fields. This project has been added to the long ‘wish list’ of projects which were presented to Members at Party briefings and to the respective Committees, in the context of the Physical Programme challenges and implications. However, officers have now developed a high-level drawings/ plan and costings of the potential trim trail (1100m long x 2.0m wide). Members will note that the proposal/ estimate was produced as a desktop exercise and no survey or site investigation work was undertaken. Members are asked to note the update of this potential project.

6. Social Outcome Fund

To date, projects have received an in-principle funding commitment under SOF. Below are the brief updates on the projects.

Project	Status and update
Assembly Buildings Conference Centre (Transport Hub)	Exhibition and Genealogical Research Space – project is substantially complete. Launch event planned for 27 th March 2019.
Coffee Culture (Transport Hub)	Development of a social economy café designed to support investment in tourism infrastructure including the Transport Hub and Gilpins. Discussions ongoing with the Group. Urban Villages agreed to prioritise the business case which will be completed in March 2019.
Sandy Row Community Forum (Transport Hub)	Development of a Tourism Trail (with digital element) to complement the Transport Hub. The project was discussed at Due Diligence in May and September 2018 and number of issues raised that need to be resolved including the project concept, delivery on site and future maintenance arrangement. Project concept needed significant development. Ongoing engagement with group.

Presbyterian Church in Ireland ‘Assembly Buildings Exhibition’ (SOF03) – AWG is asked to note that the new exhibition space at Assembly Buildings Conference Centre is now substantially complete. The Group is planning to open it to the public once ready and an official launch event is scheduled for Wednesday, 27th March, 2019.

7. Externally- funded programmes

Social Investment Fund – The overall SIF programme has been significantly delayed however considerable progress on outstanding issues has been made recently and a number of projects are moving forward. An update on the status of SIF projects in South Belfast is provided below:

Project	Status and update
South City Resource and Development Centre (St. Simon's)	Project at design procurement stage. PQQ/ ITT to commence in January 2019 with the view of appointing the contractor by April 2019. Preparation for conveyancing is underway
Mornington Community Project	Design and survey work underway. PQQ/ ITT to be completed in 2019
Lanyon Tunnels	Project has been impacted by the JR decision—MDA have made it clear that they are not willing to look at another option—has implications for the BIF funding

Urban Villages - Members are asked to note that Letter of Offer has been received Sandy Row Play Park in the amount of £250,000. In addition, officers are continuing to work with Urban Villages on emerging projects.

Project	Status and update
Rev Robert Bradford Memorial Park	Contractor procurement complete. On site in February 2019
Sandy Row Play Park	Contractor procurement complete. On site in February 2019

After discussion, the Working Group:

- i. noted the information contained within the report;
- ii. agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the £10,000 which had been allocated previously to SOLAS for the installation of access ramps be used instead to purchase a vehicle for transporting children with disabilities to after-school and respite services; and
- iii. agreed, in terms of the Strangford Avenue Playing Fields Trim Trail project, that:
 - a) the high level drawings and costings alluded to within the report be circulated to Members;
 - b) officers compile a list of alternative funding sources for capital projects for circulation to Members; and
 - c) a Council officer be assigned to work up a firm proposal.

Belfast Transport Hub – Wider Development

The Working Group agreed that its meeting in March should focus upon emerging proposals in the context of the Belfast Transport Hub/Weavers Cross developments and that officers should undertake a mapping exercise of new/planned projects to assist with discussions.

It agreed also that Translink should be contacted to determine if an evaluation had yet been undertaken around the socio and economic impacts of the Glider Service.

National Football Stadium

The Working Group was reminded that the Council, at its meeting on 3rd December, 2018, had agreed that the Chief Executive of the Irish Football Association be invited to attend a future meeting of the Working Group to discuss concerns which had been raised by local residents in relation to the National Football Stadium.

The Neighbourhood Services Manager pointed out that he would be meeting with local residents' groups to gain a better understanding of their concerns and that those would be communicated to the Chief Executive in advance of him meeting with the Working Group.

Noted.

Future Agenda Items

The Working Group was reminded that, at its meeting on 21st May, 2018, it had received from representatives of DfI Rivers Agency and Atkins Global, project consultants, a presentation on the Belfast Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme.

The Working Group agreed to accede to a request from the representatives to attend a future meeting in order to provide an update on the scheme.

Next Meeting

The Working Group noted that its next meeting would take place at 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 18th February.

Chairperson

East Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 7th February, 2019

MEETING OF EAST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Alderman Haire (Chairperson);
The High Sheriff of Belfast (Alderman Sandford);
Aldermen Copeland and McGimpsey; and
Councillors Dorrian, Graham, Hussey, Johnston,
Kyle, Long, Mullan, Newton and O'Donnell.

In attendance: Mr. R. Cregan, Strategic Director of Finance and
Resources;
Mr. N. Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and
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Mrs. L. McLornan, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from Councillors Howard and O'Neill.

Minutes

The Working Group agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 3rd January were an accurate record of proceedings.

Declarations of Interest

The High Sheriff of Belfast (Alderman Sandford) declared an interest in Item 5, Physical Programme, 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.

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"Amazing Spaces Smart Places" Small Business Research Initiative

The Working Group considered the undernoted report:

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2.0 Recommendations

Area Working Group Members are asked to note the update, in particular the assurance arrangements in place to manage potential privacy and data protection implications.

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3.17 Council's Information Governance Unit (within Legal Services) are actively engaged in providing support to Officers and the successful SME's in ensuring ongoing and full compliance with legislation and Information Commissioner Officer Guidance.

3.18 Financial & Resource Implications

The total available project budget is £120,000. The Department for Economy have provided £100,000 of this funding with Dublin City Council providing another £10,000. Given the potential for this work to have a positive impact on reducing anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces and encouraging positive use, City and Neighbourhood Services have contributed £10,000.

3.19 Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

As mentioned in the main report, equality and privacy implications have been proactively managed & mitigated on an ongoing basis. This includes avoiding bias or stereotyping in the project. The equality and privacy impact screening process remains under review.”

During discussion, the Neighbourhood Services Manager confirmed to the Members that the proposal was in its initial stages and that some of the required technology had not yet been developed.

In response to a number of Members’ questions, she confirmed to the Working Group that no personal sensitive data would be collected as part of the initiative.

The Members noted the information which had been provided and that a report on the initiative would be submitted to the People and Communities for further consideration.

Transform for Change – Peace IV Programme Update

(Ms. D. McKinney, Programme Manager, and Ms. K. McIvor, Building Positive Relations Project Manager, attended in connection with this item).

The Project Manager provided the Members with an overview of the “Building Positive Relations – Transform for Change” Programme and the work which had been carried out to date. She advised the Members that it was a European Union (EU) funded programme which had been designed to support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the border region and was managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

The Members were advised that the aim of the Transform for Change Programme was to develop new, innovative and collaborative approaches to peace building, reconciliation and to address prolonged social and economic disadvantages as a result of living in segregated communities in Belfast. It aimed to build the leadership skills of citizens, the political sector, public and statutory providers to address issues of division, segregation, prejudice and hate that directly impacted on life opportunities and community cohesion.

It was explained to the Members that the Programme would focus on creating a new strategic model of cohesive working together on an area basis. As the community planning framework continued to emerge, the project would provide benefit to the wider community by enabling leadership and transformation for change a local level.

The Programme Manager advised the Working Group of 12 proposed targeted areas, which were made up of clusters across interfaces as follows:

1. Suffolk/Lenadoon;
2. Springfield Road;
3. Falls/Shankill;
4. The Village/Westlink;
5. Inner Ring;
6. Duncairn Gardens;
7. Limestone Road/Alexandra Park;

8. Lower Oldpark/Manor Street;
9. Crumlin Road/Ardoyne/Glenbryn;
10. Ligoniel;
11. Whitewell Road/Longlands; and
12. Shortstrand/Inner East.

The Working Group was advised that an additional three areas were still to be decided upon, with a total of 15 areas across the City, and that officers would welcome any suggestions from Members.

The officers explained that they hoped to engage 960 participants in the programme, including 90 from the political sphere, 720 from the Community, Voluntary and Social Enterprise sector, 150 from public agencies as well as representatives from regional support organisations and charitable foundations.

The officers provided the Members with an overview of the Integrated Delivery model, timeline and engagement plans.

During discussion, a Member stated that it would be useful for officers to engage with those who had been involved in similar programmes previously. The Programme Manager explained that they would be building on previous work which had been carried out and would also be working with The Executive Office.

The Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

Bloomfield Walkway Environmental Improvements – Verbal update

The Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services provided the Working Group with an overview of a number of environmental improvements which were planned for the Bloomfield Walkway.

He explained that the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) had confirmed funding upwards of £190,000 for the project and that the Council would act as the delivery agent.

The Members were advised that meetings had been held with the Inner East Forum, with a further meeting in the coming weeks.

After discussion, the Working Group:

1. noted the update which had been provided;
2. agreed that additional information be submitted to a future meeting of the AWG relating to the Connswater Community Greenway and on the planned works at Bloomfield Walkway, highlighting in particular how the plans differed from what was already there; and
3. agreed that officers would proceed with the necessary engagement regarding the Bloomfield Walkway.

Physical Programme Update

The Programme Office Manager provided the Working Group with updates on the Local Investment Fund (LIF), which included the completion of the Carew II Newtownards

Road Women's Group project and the Dundela Football Club project. The Working Group were reminded that they had an outstanding unallocated amount under LIF of £54,009.

The Members were provided with an overview of projects under the Capital Programme, the Social Outcome Fund and projects funded through the Social Investment Fund (SIF) and Urban Villages.

The Programme Office Manager provided the Members with the following update on the Belfast Investment Fund (BIF):

"Strand Arts Centre

Members were updated at the last East AWG on 29th November that a meeting with DfC on the Strand was due to take place. Members are asked to note that this meeting took place on 11th December. A summary of the current position is outlined below.

DfC highlighted that they are working closely with Strand Arts Centre on finalising the business case for the project. SAC finalised the business case and it was submitted to the DfC Economist. A number of additional queries were raised by the Economist and forwarded to SAC. The response to those queries were submitted to DfC Economist and DfC case officers are awaiting the economist decision this week.

Once the business case is completed then this is required to go through the central government approval process for capital projects – as this project is seeking an investment of more than £1million this would be required to be submitted to the Department of Finance (DoF) to be appraised by their economists. The business case must be signed off by the DoF.

DfC confirmed that their maximum commitment to this project (if approved) would be to match fund the Council's £1.8m commitment under BIF.

Members are asked to note that the current pre-tender estimates for the full works at the Strand are now approx. £6million (including fees). This is because of the more detailed works which have been done on the design together with more information on the current condition of the building and are based on the latest figures which were received in November.

Members will note that this is an increase of the original figure for the works within the Economic Appraisal of £4.2m. However Members will be aware that the EA was carried out in 2016 and construction costs have risen since this time. In addition the detailed design work has identified that further work on asbestos removal and exterior works are required which have increased the costs along with a requirement for more specialist mechanical and engineering work than had previously been identified. There was also no allowance for FFE which has now been built in. A value engineering exercise has already taken place which identified a potential phasing of the project.

In considering the current costs Members are asked to note that this means that even if DfC committed match funding to the project that this would still leave an overall funding short-fall.

It should also be noted that the current costs are a pre-tender estimate.

Members will be aware that the final costs for any project are not known until the tender figures are returned. Council officers are continuing to work closely with SAC to ascertain if other funding can be secured and if the project can be phased. SAC submitted funding applications to a number of funders however these organisations will only contribute to the capital part of the project.

Bloomfield Community Association

Members were also updated at the last East AWG on 29th November that a meeting with DfC on the Bloomfield was due to take place. Members are asked to note that this meeting took place on 9th January 2019. A summary of the current position and discussion is outlined below.

- DfC highlighted that they are willing to consider providing capital support towards this project within their 2020/21 capital programme;
- DfC are starting to develop their capital programme and anticipate their budget will be in the region of £3m - £5m; and
- DfC representatives and the Director of Property & Projects agreed that it would be useful to set up a meeting sometime in March 2019 with other DfC senior management and officers as required."

She highlighted to the Members that discussions were ongoing with other agencies regarding additional funding for the Strand Arts Centre project but that there had been no other commitment of funding to date.

After discussion it was

Moved by Alderman Copeland
Seconded by Councillor Graham and

Resolved – that any further decision on funding for the project be postponed until the next meeting given that a further meeting with Strand Arts Centre is due to take place in the coming weeks, as well as the results of the economic appraisal.

The Working Group noted the update which had been provided.

Poetry Jukebox

The Interim Programme Director explained the details of a proposed temporary installation of a Poetry Jukebox at C.S. Lewis Square.

The Area Working Group noted the temporary installation of the Jukebox at C.S. Lewis Square, subject to the Eastside Partnership meeting all operational, statutory and health and safety requirements.

Correspondence received – St. John’s Orangefield, Church of Ireland

The Working Group noted correspondence which had been received from St John’s Orangefield, Church of Ireland. The Church was requesting Belfast Investment Fund (BIF) funding towards the upgrade of its facilities. The correspondence noted that it had identified some funding from its own resources towards the project.

After discussion it was,

Moved by Alderman McGimpsey,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and

Resolved – that the Working Group agrees to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that the project be moved to Stage 1 for consideration of funding under the Belfast Investment Fund (BIF)

Update on Leisure Transformation Programme

The Strategic Director of Finance and Resources provided the Working Group with an overview of the Leisure Transformation Programme in the east of the City.

He advised the Members that some correspondence had been received in relation to concerns relating to the closure of the Avoniel Centre.

The Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services stated that he had recently attended a meeting to hear concerns relating to its closure.

In response to a number of Members’ suggestions, it was agreed that, in order to better inform the public of the plans for each Leisure Centre, the floor plans and images of, and key messages regarding provision in the new centres would be installed in each of the existing centres.

Date of Next Meeting

The Working Group noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday, 7th March.

Chairperson

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North Belfast Area Working Group

Tuesday 29th January, 2019

NORTH BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Alderman Convery (Chairperson);
Aldermen Browne and Spence; and
Councillors Campbell, Clarke, Corr-Johnston, Magee,
Murphy, Pankhurst

In attendance: Mrs. R. Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services;
Mr. R. Black, Neighbourhood Services Manager;
Mrs. D. Smith, Safer City Assistant Manager;
Ms. K. McIvor, Project Manager, Peace IV
Mrs. D. McKinney, Programme Manager
Mr. G. Dickson, Policy Analyst;
Miss C. Donnelly, Democratic Services Officer

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman L. Patterson.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 18th December were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Decision Tracker

The Working Group noted that the Decision Tracker document had been emailed to the Members before the meeting which provided a brief overview of actions since the last meeting held on 18th December.

Presentation – Belfast Harbour Commissioner

The Chairperson welcomed to the meeting Mr. J. O'Neill, Chief Executive, and Mr. G. Johnston, Property Director, from Belfast Harbour.

Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Johnston provided an overview of their vision for a new waterfront environment for Belfast on a 20 acre site at City Quays. They informed the Group that the development was Belfast Harbour's response to a demand for Grade A office space in Belfast.

They informed the Members that City Quays 1 was one of the most advanced office buildings in the region and included a £1.2m waterfront walk and cycle way which linked the City Quays with the 'Big Fish; and onward to the Convention Centre. In addition, Members were informed that City Quays 2 was a new office development, which had received BREEAM Excellent Office accreditation and comprised of 124,000 square feet with a rate contribution was £635k per annum.

They told Members that they were delighted to be bringing to Belfast, the first new-build Marriott hotel in Ireland which targeted the entrepreneurial-minded business and urban-leisure markets and which comprised of 188 rooms and a Jean Christophe Novelli restaurant with a rate contribution of £200k per annum.

They added that, in order to support the City Quays development, they were required to build a multi-story car park to accommodate parking requirements. This would be a 900 space car park with electric vehicle charging points and was being managed by NCP.

Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Johnston gave an overview of Belfast Harbour's proposed City Quays 3 development which had just received planning approval from the Department of Infrastructure and it was envisaged that, when completed, the building would generate an estimated rate contribution of £1.2m per annum. They informed Members of other future projects, including a build to rent apartment proposal and their Public Realm project to drive extra tourism from Belfast's heritage legacies for both the Belfast side of the river and the Titanic side of the river and create an iconic waterfront for Belfast.

During discussion, a Member asked about the possibility of a footbridge around the Pilot Street area that would allow people from north Belfast to access the Titanic Quarter and therefore create a link between north and east Belfast. Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Johnston informed the Members that they were aware of the connectivity requirements in that area and that Belfast Harbour was taking the development of a footbridge in this area into consideration as it was integral to their maritime mile tourism project.

In response to a question from a Member in relation to the possibility of a biannual update meeting for the purpose of keeping Members informed about progress and future planning, Mr. O'Neill informed the Working Group that a meeting was due to take place and that Belfast Harbour and Belfast City Council were developing a Memorandum of Understanding to enable both organisations to work together on a whole range of initiatives, including a significant expansion of the North Foreshore Studios which could produce an array of employment opportunities from hairdressing and carpentry to engineering. Mr. O'Neill added that he would be grateful to come back to the working group in the near future to make a presentation specifically around Belfast Harbour's plans for the North Foreshore.

The Chairman congratulated Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Johnston on the progress made with the City Quays scheme and thanked them for their presentation.

Peace IV – Transform for Change Update

(Mrs. D. McKinney, Programme Manager, Peace IV and Ms. K. McIvor, Project Manager Peace IV, attended in connection with this item).

The Programme Manager provided the Members with an overview of the Peace IV Programme, a European Union (EU) funded programme that was managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). She advised the Members of the range of

projects that Belfast City Council, as Lead Partner, was delivering under the PEACE IV Programme and outlined alignment with the Belfast Agenda. She informed the Members of the key objective of the Building Positive Relations (BPR) theme was focussed on promoting good relations within communities, about promoting respect and where cultural diversity was respected and celebrated and people could learn, live and socialise together.

The Project Manager provided the Members with details of the Transform for Change project that the Council is leading on. She explained that the aim of the project was to build the leadership skills of citizens, the political sector, public and statutory providers to work together collectively and develop new, innovative and collaborative approaches to peace building and reconciliation.

She advised that the Transform for Change project would focus on creating a new strategic model of cohesive working on an area basis, across 15 cluster areas in the City, targeting 960 participants. She outlined 12 indicative target areas as follows:

1. Suffolk/Lenadoon;
2. Springfield Road;
3. Falls/Shankill;
4. The Village/Westlink;
5. Inner Ring;
6. Duncairn Gardens;
7. Limestone Road/Alexandra Park;
8. Lower Oldpark/Manor Street;
9. Crumlin Road/Ardoyne/Gkenbryn;
10. Ligoniel;
11. Whitewell Road/Longlands; and
12. Short Strand/Inner East.

During discussion, the Members noted that the targeted interface clusters were indicative and provided feedback with regard to identifying other potential target areas.

The Project Manager added that Working Group was being asked to note the approach for the delivery and consider political participation and representation with regard to the Project. The Programme Manager advised the Members that the basis for selecting the indicative target areas was directly linked to the Belfast Interfaces Project.

The Director of Neighbourhood Services informed the Members that their views would be taken on board to ensure a focussed approach criteria for the selection of the target areas. She advised The Working Group that the Shared City Partnership will consider all of the points made at the Area Based Working Groups, criteria for selection of the target area and agreement of the areas.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. McKinney and Ms. McIvor for their attendance and presentation.

Amazing Spaces Smart Places Small Business Research Initiative

The Working Group considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the ‘Amazing Spaces Smart Places’, Small

Business Research Initiative (SBRI) challenge. £120,000 of funding for Small Medium Enterprises (including community and voluntary organisations) was awarded by the Department for Economy to a partnership between Department of Justice and Belfast City Council to explore the use of innovative digital technology and data-driven solutions to help manage parks and open spaces.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Area Working Group Members are asked to note the update, in particular the assurance arrangements in place to manage potential privacy and data protection implications.**

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

- 3.1 People and Communities Committee have been updated in recent months as part of the quarterly ASB Update on the progress of this initiative. Since the last update to Members, the challenge was officially launched, expressions of interest received and shortlisted.**
- 3.2 The final selection panel involved range of Council Officers (Community Safety, Parks, Business Development and Smart Cities) as well as the Department of Justice, Department for Economy and the Strategic Investment Board. Dublin City Council have been in attendance throughout as through their own Smart Cities Team identified the similarities in the challenges Belfast and Dublin are experiencing. Dublin City Council also made a small financial contribution to the project to allow them to work with successful companies on testing in Dublin if appropriate.**
- 3.3 Members should note however, the majority of testing and solution development will take place within Belfast.**
- 3.4 A number of well attended information sessions were rolled out across the city and sixteen applications received & reviewed, including from SME's based in Belfast. As a result of the final selection process five awards have been made to SME's working in the following areas:**
- 3.5**
- 1. An Internet of Things (IoT) network anonymously logs presence of smartphones in the park. Analytics provided on a cloud-based platform to inform park managers of usage/resources and interventions needed.**
- 3.6**
- 2. A real time solution for the public and park managers detailing what is happening in parks and open spaces. Company plans to provide insights using a variety of data including Wi-Fi data. It will also test the use of QR**

codes on park signage to encourage greater engagement.

3.7

3. A dashboard with real time information for park users and managers on usage of facilities to support booking, allocation of resources and planning. The proposal builds on an existing pitch booking solution that collects data on 'organised' usage of facilities and will add data on 'ad hoc' usage. 'Ad hoc' data gathered via Wi-Fi probe devices or dongle and software will anonymously log when a device sends a Wi-Fi request.

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4. A solution that encourages 'civic' action to ensure parks and open spaces are well maintained. Individuals who earn 'Civic Dollars' as a reward for use of parks & reporting issues etc. Devices carried by individuals will connect to beacons that use Wi-Fi or IoT technology. Small, temporary beacons installed onto lampposts. Citizens who sign up will gain rewards via a social digital currency built on Blockchain.

3.9

5. A flexible low cost system located on street furniture that uses artificial intelligence and machine vision to provide real time alerts to relevant agencies when unusual activity is taking. This is not a human-operated CCTV system – rather it is a less-invasive rules-based system that will train itself to generate alerts based on unusual activity.

- 3.10 In the coming weeks Officers will support the successful SME's in engaging directly with community, residents and 'friends of' groups who have interests and/or are users of the parks/open spaces the technology will be developed to support.

A primary focus of the project is to discover how technology may innovate open space management and help address the challenges and impacts of anti-social behaviour as well as encouraging positive usage.

- 3.11 The technology will be developed with communities at a small number of parks and open spaces in North, South, East and West Belfast. The site list is being finalised but the following factors are being considered in the selection:

- Current priorities being managed within the department
- A site which maximises the potential return
- Community interest/ support
- ASB hotspots
- Geographical suitability

- Type of activity being targeted e.g. transient/ ASB or utilisation etc.

3.12 Each test will be completed in Phase 1 (end March 2019).

3.13 The objective of the Phase 1 funding is to determine the viability of the technological solutions proposed in achieving the project objectives of promoting safe and positive parks and open spaces.

3.14 An end of Phase 1 update will be brought to both People and Communities and Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in due course.

Privacy Impact/Data Protection

3.15 Real and perceived concerns about any privacy/data protection impacts from the project were identified at the initiation stage and a full privacy/data protection screening exercise was completed.

3.16 Additionally, an element of the essential criteria within the assessment process was that SME's making an application had to demonstrate how they would manage any privacy/data protection implications and put control measures in place.

3.17 Council's Information Governance Unit (within Legal Services) are actively engaged in providing support to Officers and the successful SME's in ensuring ongoing and full compliance with legislation and Information Commissioner Officer Guidance.

3.18 Financial & Resource Implications

The total available project budget is £120,000. The Department for Economy have provided £100,000 of this funding with Dublin City Council providing another £10,000. Given the potential for this work to have a positive impact on reducing anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces and encouraging positive use, City and Neighbourhood Services have contributed £10,000.

3.19 Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

As mentioned in the main report, equality and privacy implications have been proactively managed & mitigated on an ongoing basis. This includes avoiding bias or stereotyping in the project. The equality and privacy impact screening process remains under review."

Several Members raised concerns regarding data protection and the possible collection and storage of personal information without the permission of park users.

The Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Safer City Assistant Manager assured the Members that the aim was to collect the number of mobile phones present in

a park at any one time and assurances would be sought from any third party companies that were involved, that personal information would not be retrieved or stored and that the data security of park users would not be compromised.

After discussion, the Working Group noted the report.

Future Agenda Items

The Working Group noted the following future deputations and agenda items:

- Information sessions on Inner North Belfast Projects;
- Zoo Update;
- Quarterly updates from the Ulster University regarding its community engagement and programme of building work;

The Working Group was informed that Urban Villages would be presenting at the February meeting of the Working Group and was reminded that, at its meeting in December, it was agreed that the Department for Infrastructure's deputations regarding the York Street Interchange and the Living with Water Programme would also attend the February meeting.

The Working Group noted that the North City Business Centre and the North Belfast Heritage Cluster would attend the March meeting of the Working Group and that Ulster University would also be delivering a quarterly update regarding its community engagement and programme of building work.

In response to a question from a Member, the Director of Neighbourhood Services informed the working group that an update with regard to mountain biking in Cavehill Country Park would be added to the agenda for its meeting in February.

In the context of BIF - Upon a proposal made by a Member, the Working Group agreed that officers would investigate the feasibility of transferring the BCC owned land opposite Kilcoole Park to Urban Villages/ Sunningdale Community Centre to enable Urban Villages to develop a new community hub.

The Working Group further agreed that officers would investigate the feasibility of developing a cultural community hub at 952 Crumlin Road (land currently owned by County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast). This hub would facilitate boxing, highland dancing and also have a café.

Chairperson

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North Belfast Area Working Group

Tuesday 18th February, 2019

NORTH BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Alderman Convery (Chairperson);
Aldermen L Patterson and Spence; and
Councillors Campbell, Clarke, Corr-Johnston, Magee,
McCusker, Murphy and Pankhurst.

In attendance: Mr. G. Millar, Director of Property and Projects
Mrs. R. Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services;
Mr. R. Black, Neighbourhood Services Manager;
Mr. G. Dickson, Policy Analyst;
Miss C. Donnelly, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

No apologies were reported.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 29th January were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Campbell declared an interest in relation to item 3. 'Physical Programme Update', in that she was linked to the the Grace Family Centre.

Decision Tracker

The Working Group noted that the Decision Tracker document had been emailed to the Members before the meeting which provided a brief overview of actions since the last meeting held on 29th January.

Presentation – Department for Infrastructure – Living with Water

The Working Group was reminded that, at its meeting on 30th October, 2018, it had agreed that it would be beneficial to obtain a presentation also on the Living with Water Programme.

Accordingly, Mrs. L. MacHugh, Director of Water and Drainage Policy Division (DfI), and Mr. S. Wightman, Living with Water Programme Manager (DfI), were welcomed 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 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 asked a number of questions by the Members in relation to the upgrading of current drainage systems and climate change. They were thanked by the Chairperson, following which the Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

Presentation – Department for Infrastructure – York Street Interchange

The Working Group was reminded that, it had agreed at a previous meeting that it would be beneficial to obtain a presentation also from the Department of Infrastructure regarding the York Street Interchange and its impact on north Belfast.

Accordingly, Mr. S. Pollock, Department for Infrastructure, was welcomed to the meeting.

Mr. Pollock provided details of the improvement scheme which will address a major bottleneck, replacing the existing signalised junctions at York Street with direct links between Westlink, M2 and M3, the three busiest roads in Northern Ireland. He added that it will also separate strategic traffic from local traffic movements via underpasses below the existing road and rail bridges and underneath a new bridge at York Street.

He informed the Members that the procurement process for the York Street Interchange had been progressed in parallel with the statutory process. The tender process to appoint a Contractor to bring the scheme to a construction ready stage had been completed. However, a legal challenge was ongoing and the tender could not be awarded as the legal process was ongoing.

Mr Pollock informed the Working Group that the Proposed Scheme would provide a fully grade-separated interchange to replace the existing junction and that interchange links between Westlink, M2 and M3 would be provided in underpasses aligned beneath new bridge structures at York Street and under the existing Dargan and Lagan bridges. The existing North Queen Street and Dock Street overbridges and Whitla Street subway structure would be widened as necessary to accommodate the new road layout, with a new overbridge structure proposed at Dock Street.

He advised the Members that he had been working closely in consultation with local residents and that Ashton Community Trust were co-ordinating the community engagement process, taking into account areas of antisocial behaviour and incorporating mitigation methods into the design.. He added that sensitivities around the McGurk's Bar Memorial had been taken into consideration and following consultation with the families

of the victims, it had been agreed that the memorial would be carefully removed and reinstated once the interchange had been completed.

A Member thanked Mr. Pollock for his engagement with local residents and taking on board concerns and sensitivities with regard to the proposed works.

Mr. Pollock was thanked by the Chairperson, following which the Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

Presentation – Urban Villages

The Working Group was informed that Mr. G. Murray, Programme Delivery Manager, and Mr. K. McGurk, Capital Delivery Manager, were in attendance in order to provide an update on the Urban Villages initiative and they were welcomed by the Chairperson.

Mr. Murray reminded the Working Group that the Urban Villages Initiative had been designed to improve good relations outcomes and to help develop thriving places where there had previously been a history of deprivation and community tension. The Ardoyne and Greater Ballysillan Urban Villages Initiative aimed to foster positive community identities, build community capacity and improve the physical environment.

Mr. McGurk informed the Members that 11 out of 19 capital projects had been approved and that, one had been completed, eight were on site and due to be completed by April 2019 and that two schemes were in the process of procurement.

Following discussion, Mr. Murray and Mr. McGurk were thanked by the Chairperson for their presentation and the Working Group noted the information which had been provided.

Physical Programme Update

The Working Group considered the undernoted report:

“1. Introduction

The Council’s Physical Programme covers projects under a range of funding streams including the Capital Programme, the Leisure Transformation Programme, Local Investment Fund, BIF, SOF, Peace IV and the projects that the Council is delivering on 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 that SP&R Committee on 25th January 2019 “agreed to the recommendation from the North AWG on the 18th December 2018, subject to the omission of the Braeheid project and referred back to the Working Group for further**

consideration” – Members are therefore asked to consider the £750k which had been allocated to this project

- note that the Phase 1 of the Marrowbone Sacred Heart Parochial House funded under LIF has now completed and group will be holding a launch event in February 2019
- note that sponsoring Councillors for LIF projects, Holy Family Parish Church and Intercomm, Antrim Road, are requested to assist in progressing the projects with the groups.

3. Belfast Investment Fund

Members will recall that on its 18th December 2018 meeting, AWG have allocated the remaining BIF funding to three projects and recommended to SP&R for approval. The projects are;

Project	Recommendations
Old Grove – Basement Youth Club/ Elim Church Ireland	Move to Stage 3- Committed with a maximum allocation of £1,500,000, subject to the return of a satisfactory tender and confirmation of any match funding. (This funding is out of the £2.25m originally ringfenced for projects emerging from the Old Grove and Ballysillan Masterplans)
Ulster Scots Hub (Braeheid project)	Stage 1- Emerging. Maximum allocation of £750,000 to be ringfenced. (This funding is out of the £2.25m originally ringfenced for projects emerging from the Old Grove and Ballysillan Masterplans)
Malgrove	Stage 1- Emerging. Maximum allocation of £500,000 to be ringfenced.

Members will note that the SP&R Committee on 25th January 2019 *“agreed to the recommendation from the North AWG on the 18th December 2018, subject to the omission of the Braeheid project and referred back to the Working Group for further consideration”*. AWG will recall the Ulster Scots Hub (Braeheid project) has been allocated a maximum BIF allocation of £750k. Members are therefore asked to consider the £750k which had been allocated to this project. In considering this allocation Members are reminded that the minimum investment under BIF is £250k.

To date, 5 projects have received an in-principle funding commitment under BIF and 3 projects are on the longer BIF list. A summary of the current position with regard to the north Belfast BIF allocation of £5,500,000 is outlined in the table below –

North	<p>Stage 3—Cancer Lifeline—£650k; Grace Family Centre — £1.6m</p> <p>Stage 1—Old Grove/ Basement Youth Club/ Elim Church Ireland - £1.5m; Marrowbone Park £500k; Malgrove- £500k</p> <p>Cliftonville Community Forum, Sunningdale Community Centre, Ulster Scots Hub (Braeheid project) - no commitment</p>
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Project	BIF Allocation	Status and update
Grace Family Centre	£1,600,000	Stage 3- Committed. Project works well underway. Project has received match funding from DfC/ UV with a total £698k (DfC-£553k and UV-£145k).
Cancer Lifeline	£650,000	Stage 3- Committed. Project works well underway. Project has received match funding of £266,367 from DfC.
Old Grove – Basement Youth Club/ Elim Church Ireland	£1,500,000	Stage 3- Committed. Economic Appraisal carried out and presented to North AWG on 18th December 2018. North AWG recommended a BIF allocation of £1.5m to the project and approved by SP&R Committee on 25th January 2019. Engagement with group on going.
Marrowbone Millennium Park	£500,000	Stage 1- Emerging. Consultation has been carried out and feedback is being collated. Urban Villages funding of £2.1m.
Malgrove	£500,000	Stage 1 – Emerging. North AWG recommended a BIF allocation of £500k to the project on 18th December 2018 and approved by SP&R Committee on 25th January 2019. Engagement with group on going.

In addition, Members will recall that on its meeting dated 29th January 2019, AWG have agreed that Officers would investigate the feasibility of two projects, namely;

- Sunningdale Community Centre – feasibility of transferring the BCC owned land opposite Kilcoole Park to Sunningdale Community Centre to enable Urban Villages to develop a new community hub. Members will note that this is currently a Stage 1 – Emerging BIF project. This is being followed up with City and Neighbourhood Services
 - Cultural Community Hub at 952 Crumlin Road – feasibility of developing a cultural community hub at 952 Crumlin Road (land currently owned by County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast). This hub would facilitate boxing, highland dancing and also have a café.

Members will note that the feasibility of these projects is being investigated and a report will be submitted to the North AWG when feasibility has been explored.

4. Local Investment Fund

To date 44 projects have received in principle support under LIF1 and LIF2. A summary 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	20 (80%)	£832,500	9 (48%)	£456,400
Number of Projects On-going Delivery	2 (8%)	£124,000	1 (5%)	£40,000
Number of Projects in Pre-construction	2 (8%)	£106,000	3 (16%)	£100,134
Number of Projects in Initial Stage (Due Diligence)	1 (4%)	£65,000	6 (31%)	£201,667
Total Number of Approved Projects	25 *	£1,127,500	19 **	£798,201

** This includes additional funding for a LIF 2 project, Ballysillan Youth for Christ.*

*** This includes additional funding for two LIF 1 projects, Marrowbone Parochial Hall and Jennymount Church.*

NLIF071/ NLIF2-11 – Marrowbone Sacred Heart Parochial House – Members are asked to note that the Phase 1 of the renovation works funded under LIF1&2 and DfC is now complete. The Group are planning to hold an opening event in February and all Members of the AWG will be invited. As part of the Phase 1, Sure Start have now occupied the building. In addition, the Phase 2 of the project funded through Urban Villages has now passed the Council's due diligence process and is awaiting a Letter of Offer. It is expected that the works will commence in March 2019.

Members are asked to note that two LIF projects – Holy Family Parish Church (NLIF2-18) and Intercomm, Antrim Road (NLIF2-18) have been at the LIF initial stage for some time and are not progressing. Officers are requesting that the elected Member (sponsoring Councillor) concerned contacts the respective groups to check the status of projects and whether their groups are still interested in progressing. AWG will also note that a letter that will be send to both groups to that effect.

5. Capital Programme

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

Project	Status and update
North Foreshore - Development Sites Infrastructure Works	Stage 3 – Committed Project. On Ground.
Alleygating Phase 4 – City wide	Stage 3 – Committed Project. On Ground – almost complete
Playground Programme 2018/2019 – City wide	Stage 3 – Committed Projects. On Ground Duncairn Playground (completed 15th December 2018); Glenbank Playground (handover programmed for 8th February 2019); Projects part funded by DfC

Navarra Place (MUGA Programme – Phase 2)	Stage 3 – Committed Project. On Ground.
LTP - Girdwood Phase 2	Stage 2 – Uncommitted Project. Discussion underway with DfC
Boodles Dam	Stage 2 – Uncommitted Project. Report commissioned
Belfast Zoo – Programme of Works (Works to the Large Cats Enclosure and the Aviary)	Stage 2- Uncommitted Project. OBC being worked up.
Cathedral Gardens (Buoy's Park)	Stage 2 – Uncommitted Project. Part of Streets Ahead project. Relocation of Navigational Buoys from Cathedral Gardens ongoing under BCC/ DfC joint scheme
Loughside Playing Fields	Stage 1- Emerging Projects. SOC to be worked up. Link to Shore Rd Changing Pavilion

6. Externally- funded programme

Social Investment Fund – The overall SIF programme has been significantly delayed however considerable progress on outstanding issues has been made and a number of projects are moving forward. Below is a status update on SIF projects in North Belfast.

Project	Status and update
Joanmount Methodist Church	Design development is complete. Preparation underway for procurement of contractor subject to SIF approval. Aim to be out to tender by end of February 2019
PIPS Suicide Prevention Ireland	Design development is complete. Preparation underway for procurement of contractor subject to SIF approval. Aim to be out to tender by end of February 2019
North Belfast Women's Initiative & Support Project	Design development now underway following SIF approval.
Arts for All	Design development now underway following SIF approval. Clarification secured in relation to availability of proposed premises.
Westland Community Centre	Link to LIF project. Project has multiple Due Diligence issues which are holding up progress. Continue engagement with the group in regards to demonstration of sustainability.

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

Project	Status and update
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Glenbryn Playground	Land transfer to BCC from DfC nearing completion. Works due to begin on site subject to UV approval.
Benview Community Centre Refurbishment	Works underway on site and due to complete by end of March 2019
John Paul II Youth Club MUGA and Amphitheatre	to begin on site pending Planning approval. Link to LIF project.

In addition to the above projects, Council Officers are working with the UV team on number of projects in North - Ballysillan Playing Fields, Marrowbone Millennium Park and others.”

The Working Group noted the contents of the report and upon a proposal made by a Member, the Working Group agreed that, of the £750k BIF investment which had been previously allocated to Ulster Scots Hub (Braeheid Project), £500k would be allocated to the Braeheid Project for the purchase a building and £250k would be allocated to developing a Cultural Community Hub at 952 Crumlin Road (land currently owned by County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast).

Cavehill Mountain Biking

The Working Group considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To update on actions taken since Mountain-biking on Cavehill was featured on the North AWG agenda April 30th 2018.

To advise of current options and seek approval for next steps.

2.0 Recommendations

Subject to evaluation of the potential environmental impact of activity of this nature on this site:

Agree, in principle, the recommendations by J Ireland, Safety Health and Well Being Officer Forestry Commission Scotland in his report at Appendix 1, summarised as:

- **Recognise and retain the current mountain-biking trails, altering them, where necessary, to improve safety where they exit to, or cross, walkers paths;**
- **Work with both the walkers and cyclist groups to promote responsible use;**
- **Establish a relationship with the current riders and agree a code of conduct for trail maintenance and riding. Failure to comply with the agreed behaviours carrying the ultimate penalty of a ban.**

This agreement in principle is subject to consultation and engagement with relevant stakeholders, as agreed as part of

the consultation and engagement plan, with a further report being presented back for Members consideration.

3.0 Main report

Background

Presentations were made to the North Area Working Group in April 2018 by PSNI, council officers, the mountain bikers, local residents who use the hill for walking and the Cavehill Conservation group.

Members took a considerable interest in this agenda item and after lengthy discussion requested officers to look at the following:

- Change or suspension to the current byelaws;
- Signage;
- A designated track(s);
- Engagement with other Council areas for Best Practice ideas; and
- Wider consultation

Officers have accordingly continued to engage with key stakeholders and explored Best Practice in order to identify potential options. Summarised below is the actions which have been completed to date.

Actions to Date

Action 1

Installation of signage throughout the relevant areas of Cavehill advising the public of the presence of the mountain bikers. Wording was agreed by Legal Services as follows:

Caution: Unauthorised cyclists may be travelling at speed

Officers have monitored the signs, which are temporary in nature, and have a rolling programme of replacing signage as required. Officers have also continued to remove any structures erected to create ramps or jumps and any barriers found on the trails which might present a hazard.

Action 2

Engaged with Mountain bike representatives with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable solution. Subsequently council officers accompanied these representatives on a visit to the Cavehill to identify the location of the current trails and assess the potential for their routes to be altered to mitigate against risks to walkers.

In the interim period the mountain bike representatives, with the support of council officers, formally constituted

themselves as a club affiliated to Cycling Ulster/Ireland. The club have continued to engage with council officers and at a meeting on November 22nd agreed to ask their members not to build further ramps or jumps on existing trails pending a formal BCC decision on the future of mountain biking on Cavehill.

Action 3

Engaged with those local residents who had made representation to the North AWG. These residents, who use Cavehill for recreational walking, remain strongly opposed to mountain biking.

Action 4

Researched best Practice and found the best public sector comparator to be Forestry Commission Scotland, which is the largest land manager in Scotland and a major provider of permitted public access to its estate. They maintain more than 1200km of walking tracks and over 130 cycle routes with over 500km of unauthorised trails on the National Forest Estate.

A number of forestry commission publications were consulted, which can be made available in the Members Library, but can be summarised as recommending a risk based approach to wild trails based on the legal responsibilities of the land owner/manager with options as follows.

- Adopt and Inspect
- Intervene and Make Safe (then Tolerate and Monitor or Adopt)
- Tolerate and Monitor
- Closure and Removal
- Volunteering Agreements with constituted mountain bike groups
- Land transfer Agreements.

For clarification; *wild trails* are unofficial cycle routes established without the permission of the landowner *Low impact trails* are those constructed with minimum use of imported materials and using hand tools only, if abandoned these trails would typically return to their natural state within a year. Both of these terms used commonly in the literature apply to the current trails on Cavehill.

Officers made contact with the Forestry Commission and engaged their H&S Officer, with responsibility for managing mountain bike activities, to provide us with objective advice. The Forestry Commission, J Ireland report, was produced following a site visit. The full report is attached as appendix 1 and his recommended approach is summarised as;

- Recognise and retain the current trails, altering them where necessary to improve safety where they exit to or cross walkers paths;
- Work with both the walkers and cyclist groups to promote responsible use;
- Establish a relationship with the current riders and agree a code of conduct for trail maintenance and riding. Failure to comply with the agreed behaviours carrying the ultimate penalty of a ban on their using the trails.

4.0 Risks

Environmental risks

The map at Appendix 7 shows relevant boundaries and identifies *wild trails* currently advertised on mountain biking related websites. Also marked are areas of scientific interest and special habitats. It is essential that an environmental assessment is carried out before any current trail might be formally adopted or any new trials made. The sensitive environmental nature of some sections of the hill may preclude cycling activity and support removal of trails in those areas.

Legal risks

As previously advised, under the Occupier's Liability (NI) Act 1957 the Council has a duty to take such care as is reasonable to ensure that a visitor will be reasonably safe for the purposes for which he is permitted to be there.

Legal Services has considered the report obtained from John Ireland in detail. Mr Ireland evidently has a wealth of experience in dealing with mountain biking issues on Scottish land. The approach recommended by Mr Ireland will mitigate the risk of injury to users at Cavehill, however it will not eliminate the potential for liability claims to be made against the Council.

5.0 Next Steps

Subject to members adopting the recommendations

- Environmental assessment of Cavehill is carried out
- Engage and consult around the J Ireland report recommendations.
- Asses current trails for viability against environmental and H+S criteria.
- Appoint a suitably experienced "low impact trail" designer to look at the design of current trails and make recommendations to improve safety at their juncture with walking trails and at trail exit points and to grade the current trails in relation to difficulty and rider skill level.
- Review and update signage to take into account both directional route marking and warning signs appropriate to both walkers and cyclists.

- Consider the future management and maintenance of the trials is considered along with the role that could be played by the formally constituted club.
- Consider the value of mountain biking alongside the wider range of activities as part of the strategic future of the overall site.

Financial and Resource Implications

Members are advised that there will be cost implications associated with this work, and any subsequent recommendations involving capital expenditure are not budgeted for. However these would be explored further at the design stage and will include;

- Consultancy costs for track alterations;
- Consultancy costs for environmental assessment;
- Materials costs for alterations to trail exits;
- Signage costs to demarcate trails and advise of difficulty of terrain.”

Several Members raised concerns regarding the timeline for consultation and engagement, and highlighted that the approaching spring and summer months were a peak activity time on Cavehill for both walkers and cyclists. After discussion, the Director of Neighbourhood Services agreed to provide a further progress update to the March meeting of the Working Group.

Waterworks Pitches (Westland)

The Director of Neighbourhood Services submitted for the Working Group’s consideration the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

The purpose of the report is to update members of the progress to date in regards to pitch allocation at the Waterworks Pitch (Westland).

2.0 Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- (i) Agree the approach for Officers to host individual meetings with both St Pat’s FC and Westland FC in an attempt to secure a ground share agreement for the Waterworks Pitch (Westland)
- (ii) Note that a further report will be tabled for consideration and agreement on the way forward should a ground share agreement not be reached.

3.0 Main report

3.1

Key Issues

By way of context, Members are asked to note that Council does not directly provide ‘home grounds’ for sports clubs. There are however 2

ways in which clubs have been able to meet the requirements of the Northern Amateur League to enter into the higher leagues.

Firstly, in the past, as Members will be aware, the Council entered into Facilities Management Agreements and more recently through Partner Agreements with sports clubs and organisations. These agreements have been secured through publicly advertised expressions of interest. Successful applicants have used this process to provide preferential use of pitches for clubs and have through the erection of signage displayed the impression that these facilities are the home of specific clubs. This ability to manage the allocation process has led to a number of clubs being able to demonstrate control of the site in order to satisfy the requirements of the IFA for entry into the higher levels of the Northern Amateur League.

The second way in which clubs have secured use of facilities is by bringing investment to the asset, such as the Ulster Council of the GAA, Clarendon development Association, Suffolk FC etc. Depending on the source of the funding it is usual for terms and conditions to be attached to the funding / investment. Normally one of the requirements will be to have security of tenure, i.e. the funding body will seek to ensure that the funding will be used for the purpose for which it was intended and will seek to ensure that the applicant (recipient of the funding) will secure the benefit of the funding. Therefore sports clubs have sought to secure funding from a variety of sources and have used this to upgrade Council facilities and in return they have sought security of tenure which effectively enables them to secure use of the pitch for their own use and meet the requirements of the IFA for entry to higher levels of the Northern Amateur League.

Members will be aware that a number of years ago an expression of interest exercise was completed for the Waterworks Pitches (Westland), which resulted in 6 teams from 4 clubs expressing an interest.

Over the last number of years, Officers have been engaging with interested clubs in an attempt to try and reach an agreed consensus moving forward. During this process 3 teams (2 clubs) have formally withdrawn their interest, leaving only Westland FC (1st & 2nd teams) & St Pat's FC with formal interest.

In order to attempt to bring this process to a resolution Officers are recommending hosting individual meetings with each of the 2 clubs in an attempt to reach an agreement around a potential ground share arrangement.

Members are advised that should no arrangement be secured a subsequent report will be tabled for Members considerations to seek agreement on a way forward. Given the desire to have this resolved ahead of the 2019 season it is anticipated that this report will be tabled at the March meeting of the North Area Working Group.

3.1 Financial and Resource Implications

None.

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

None.”

The Working Group agreed the approach for officers to host individual meetings with both St. Pat's FC and Westland FC and noted that the Director of Neighbourhood Services would bring a further report to the next meeting of the Working Group in March.

Future Agenda Items

The Working Group noted that the North City Business Centre and the North Belfast Heritage Cluster would attend the March meeting of the Working Group and that Ulster University would also be delivering a quarterly update regarding its community engagement and programme of building work.

The Policy Analyst reminded the Working Group that there would be no meeting in April.

Chairperson



Subject:	Contracts for Award
Date:	22 February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director Finance and Resources Gerry Millar, Director of Property and Projects
Contact Officer:	Noleen Bohill, Head of Commercial & Procurement Services Valerie Cupples, Procurement Manager

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek approval from Members to allow the advancement and award of tenders as outlined in Appendix 1, Table 1 in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation. Seek approval from Members to allow extensions as detailed in Appendix 1, Table 2. See approval from Members to allow the advancement and award of direct award tenders as outlined in Appendix 1, Table 3 in accordance with Standing Orders.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the public advertisement and acceptance of tenders as listed in Appendix 1, Table 1 through the Council's electronic procurement system. Members are

	<p>advised that these tenders will only be advertised when they have gone through the Councils internal governance process which include demonstrating strategic alignment with the Belfast Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant delegated authority to the appropriate Director using pre-agreed criteria the most economically advantageous tender. • Allow month by month extensions where contracts are under review as outlined in Appendix 1, Table 2 • Agree to accede to Standing Orders 55(b) exceptions in relation to contracts by direction of the council acting on recommendations of a Chief Officer that the exception is justified in special circumstances for the contracts laid out in 3.6 and Appendix 1, Table 3
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Section 2.5 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation outlines that under Standing Order 60(a) any contract that exceeds the statutory amount (currently £30,000) needs to be made under the Corporate Seal. Under Standing Order 51(b) the Corporate Seal can only be affixed when there is a resolution of the Council.
3.2	The tenders submitted for approval in Appendix 1, Table 1 , have been forwarded by Departments for approval. Departments have been required to provide assurance that provision for the expenditure has either been made within their departmental budgets or approval has been sought from the Director of Finance and Resources that this expenditure has been provided for within a corporate budget.
3.3	Members should note that they are being asked to approve tenders in principal , after which the internal governance process demonstrating strategic alignment with the Belfast Agenda will be applied. As part of this process, Departments have also provided assurance that appropriate resources are available within their departments in order to effectively administer and manage any contract(s).
3.4	In accordance with Standing Orders these tenders shall comply with the relevant requirements of national legislation and European directives and be overseen by Corporate Procurement Services.
3.5	This report relates to corporate and departmental supplies and services contracts only. The procurement of services and works contracts relating to the capital procurement is dealt with under the Capital Programme reports in accordance with the approved stage approval process.

3.6	<p><u>Direct Award Contracts</u></p> <p>Members are asked to accede to Standing Order 55(b) exceptions in relation to contracts allowed by a Chief officer certifying that there is an extreme urgency, for the following and as per Appendix 1 Table 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Part of the Primark Recovery Project, members identified supporting business in the city centre as a priority and funding from both council and government was agreed. In the immediate aftermath of the fire, emergency action was taken to erect signage including “wayfinding” and a cordon around Bank Buildings. McCadden Design carried out the design of the wayfinding and it was installed under an existing contract. The dressing of the cordon in mesh is a separate piece of work designed to align to the “wayfinding” To ensure consistency of product, expediency and provide value for money McCadden Design were identified as the supplier to develop and install the cordon mesh. As part of the Primark Recovery Project, members identified supporting business in the city centre as a priority and funding from both councils and government was agreed. To highlight the opening of a temporary walkway between Donegal Place and Royal Avenue, it was decided to use Image Zoo’s service of “ad walkers”, a mobile advertising platform, to drive footfall and gain penetration into pedestrian areas.
3.7	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The financial resources for these contracts will be met within the current departmental budgets and the proposed departmental estimates process which are taken forward through the rate setting process.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>No specific equality or good relations implications.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 Schedule of Tenders for Consideration / Notation</p> <p>Table 1 – New tenders</p> <p>Table 2 – Contracts for extension of contract period</p> <p>Table 3 – Direct Award Contracts (Single Tender Action)</p>

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Appendix 1 - Schedule of tenders for consideration

Table 1 - New tenders

Title of tender	Senior Responsible Officer	Proposed contract duration
Paints and Sundries	Gerry Millar	1 year + 2
Customer Focus – Strategic Delivery Partner	Ronan Cregan	2 years
Tender for Photography	Chief Executive	1 year +2
Metal Fabrication and Welding	Nigel Grimshaw	2 years
Contentious Waste Removal	Nigel Grimshaw	1 year +1 +1+1
Seasonal Waste Removal	Nigel Grimshaw	1 year +1 +1+1

Table 2 - Contracts for extension of contract period

Title of Tender	Director Responsible	Proposed Extension
Paints and Sundries T1519	Gerry Millar	Month by month until new contract is in place.

Table 3 - Direct Award Contracts (Single Tender Action)

System/Product	Supplier	Annual estimate
Marketing relating to the Banks Buildings Fire	Image Zoo	£9,600
Dressing of Bank Buildings cordon	McCAdden	£10,000 (one off cost)

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Subject:	Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting on 11 th February 2019
Date:	22 nd February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Nicola Lane, Good Relations Manager

Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Some time in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to report to committee on the key issues discussed at the Shared City Partnership meeting held on 11th February 2019.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>That the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Shared City Partnership Meeting held on 11th February 2019 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To recommend that the draft Good Relations Action Plans 2020/21 & 21/22 (attached at Appendix 2) be submitted to TEO, To note that the Action Plan submission would be subject to agreement by the Council in relation to the current estimate setting process and also amendment

	<p>during the assessing and scoring process that will be undertaken by TEO. The Council will be notified of any changes in the final approved Action Plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note that the Plans are subject to the findings of the Good Relations Audit which will be undertaken in 2019/20 as required by TEO. • To recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it agree to the implementation of the recommendations and actions arising from the Shared City Partnership Planning day on 1st February 2019. (Actions attached at Appendix 3) • To invite the researchers from the NILT and YLT survey to a future meeting to update on the research in relation to understanding sentiment towards asylum seekers and refugees. • To defer consideration of the matter on the motion on Anti-Semitism to enable officers to submit a report to the March meeting which would enable the Members to consider the wording of the antisemitism motion in a wider context.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Shared City Partnership (formerly known as the Good Relations Partnership) is a Working Group of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which consists of Elected members and representatives from various sectors across the city. The minutes from the Partnership are brought before the Committee for approval on a monthly basis.</p> <p>The key issues on the agenda at the February meeting were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation on PEACE IV Young Advocates Project 2. Update on PEACE IV 3. Good Relations Action Plan 20/21 & 21/22 4. Update from Shared City Partnership Planning Day 5. Request for Presentation on NILT Survey Research 6. Motion on Anti-Semitism 7. Update on Regeneration of Navarra Place 8. Update on NISMP/NILGA Subgroup 9. Events Update
3.2	<p>More details regarding the above issues and recommendations are included in the minutes of the meeting attached as appendix 1.</p>

3.3	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> All financial implications are covered through existing budgets and confirmation of the allocation of funding from The Executive Office.
3.4	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> The recommendations of the Partnership promote the work of the Council in promoting good relations and will enhance equality and good relations impacts.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 Copy of the minutes of the Shared City Partnership of 11 th February 2019. Appendix 2 Copy of the draft Good Relations Action Plan 20/21 & 21/22 Appendix 3 Actions arising from SCP Planning Day on 1 st February 2019

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SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY, 2019

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson); and
Councillors Johnston and Walsh.

External Members: Mrs. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mrs. O. Barron, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust;
Mr. J. Currie, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. J. Donnelly, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. K. Gibson, Church of Ireland;
M Yousuf Hannore, Interfaith Partnership;
Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;
Mr. P. Mackel, Belfast and District Trades Union;
Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. M. O'Donnell, Department for Communities; and
Mr. P. Scott, Catholic Church.

In attendance: Miss. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager;
Mrs. D. McKinney, Programme Manager;
Mrs. M. Higgins, Senior Good Relations Officer; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Alderman Sandford, Councillors Armitage, Attwood and Mr. M. Baker, Mrs. G. Duggan, Mrs. J. Hawthorne, Mr. A. Cole and Ms. A. M. White.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 14th January, 2019 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

Mr. J. Donnelly declared an interest in agenda item 4, viz Peace IV Update, as he was a Director of Programmes for the Active Communities Network which was delivering the Playing Our Part Project under Peace IV. Mr. J. Currie declared an interest in the same agenda item as an employee of the East Belfast Community Development Association.

Mr. P. Mackel declared an interest in agenda item 7, viz Motion on Anti-Semitism as he was a member of the Trade Union Friends of Palestine.

Presentation - Cooperation Ireland on its Young Advocates Project

The Chairperson reminded the Partnership that it had previously agreed to invite a representative from Cooperation Ireland to provide an update on the Young Advocates

Programme which it was delivering under the Children and Young People's Theme as part of the Peace IV Action Plan.

Mr. C. Fanning, representing Cooperation Ireland, was welcomed to the meeting.

Mr. Fanning commenced by providing the Partnership with a brief outline of the Young Advocates Programme. He advised that the aim of the Young Advocates Programme was to enable young people to build long term relationships with other young people across the City whilst breaking down barriers through learning about diversity and inclusion. Ultimately, Young Advocates aimed to give young people a platform to have their voices heard both within their local communities and through Local Government.

The representative detailed that the programme used a citizenship intervention model and explained that engagement would take place with 80 young people (20 per annum), aged 16 to 24 on a cross community basis to actively champion issues across the political divide and to develop the capacity of young people to become leaders in their communities and advocates for peaceful change. Once trained, the Young Advocates would work with other young people aged 11-16 across the City to plan and deliver youth led sessions in order to create positive social change.

Mr. Fanning then provided an overview of the programme delivery to date:

- programme one commenced in September 2018 and participants were now approaching the end of this programme;
- through the programme the participants had gained four qualifications, activity and training residential experience and an opportunity to plan and deliver a youth led campaign around the issue of crime in Belfast;
- it had enabled four additional local based youth providers to engage with the programme;
- young people had undertaken significant and regular engagement with their peers across the City building confidence in relationships and cultural difference;
- programme two had been launched in January 2019; and
- the Young Advocates would design and deliver two cross community and cross border conferences.

He also detailed a number of the challenges that the programme had faced as follows:

- initial difficulty in finding delivery partners in East Belfast;
- difficulty in ensuring an even balance of participants in specific target areas;
- low confidence levels of young people involved which required additional support mechanisms to be introduced, including additional support for literacy; and
- a lack of minority ethnic representation.

Mr. Fanning concluded the presentation by thanking the Shared City Partnership for permitting him to provide it with an update in respect of the Young Advocates Programme and he welcomed the Council's support around the promotion of the campaign.

The Partnership welcomed the delivery of the youth led campaign around the issue of crime in Belfast and suggested that the Council could take on board the learning points arising from this programme.

The Chairperson thanked the representative for his informative presentation and he left the meeting.

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 and to recommend to the Strategic and Policy Resources Committee to also note the report.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

Implementation and delivery of the Belfast PEACE IV Local Action Plan is progressing.

Children and Young People (CYP)

All outstanding baseline surveys for 2018 participants have now been completed and the final participant figure is 850, slightly up from the anticipated figure reported to SEUPB and closer to the 916 interim target. An overview of participants by project, gender and community background is available on mod.gov, monitoring of this information will continue to ensure the required 50/50 community split.

Following a robust assessment process, the contract for the design and deliver an accredited good relations training programme for 1800 participants On the Right Track! project has been awarded to Active Communities Network. Contractual details are being finalised with delivery expected to commence in mid February 2019.

Building Positive Relations (BPR)

Following pre-market engagement sessions, the tender opportunities for the Traveller and Roma projects are currently being re-scoped.

Initial steps to mobilise the Transform for Change Leadership project are underway with a preliminary premarket engagement session scheduled for 4 February 2019.

Shared Space and Services (SSS)

Engagement is continuing with key partnerships and groups/organisations across the Connected Spaces network

area, raising awareness and sharing information on the capital project proposals and programming ideas.

A successful community engagement workshop, attended by 58 people took place on 31 January 2018. The general feedback shows broad support for the scheme, identified areas of concern and provided a valuable platform to finalise the location options. In addition, suggestions for possible programming ideas were explored.

The next steps is to review the feedback and prioritise key actions. Community engagement at a local level will also be progressed.

Rebid

SEUPB has completed the financial update of the eMS system and is progressing the issue of a Letter of Offer, which we anticipate received in the next few weeks.

Financial and Resource Implications

Due to the modification process on eMS, no further claims have been submitted to SEUPB. Claims for Periods 16 and 17, 1st August 2018 – 31st October 2018 and 1st November 2018 – 31st January 2019 will be submitted for formal vouching and verification once this process has been concluded.

Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment

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

The Partnership noted the update provided.

Draft Good Relations Action Plan

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

- 1.1 Members will be aware that the Council submits an annual Action Plan to the Executive Office (TEO) every year in order to draw down funding for the Good Relations work of the Council. TEO have requested submission of this years' Action Plan by 15th February 2019 and the plans for the subsequent 2 financial years by 15th March 2019

The purpose of this report is to advise of the content of the draft Action Plans for 20/21 & 21/22 and seek approval to forward the Plan to TEO.

2.0 Recommendations

- To recommend to the Strategic and Policy Resources Committee that the attached draft Action Plans 2020/21 & 2021/22 be submitted to TEO.

- Members are also requested to note that this Action Plan submission is subject to agreement by Council in relation to any estimates setting exercise and also amendment during the assessing and scoring process that will be undertaken by TEO. The Council will be notified of any changes in the final approved Action Plans.
- Members are also asked to note the Plans are subject to the findings of the Good Relations Audit which will be undertaken in 2019/20 as required by TEO.

3.0 Main report

- 3.1** Members were advised at the last meeting that previously, DCGRP funding had been allocated for one year, and DCGRP Action Plans had been submitted on that basis. In the recent guidance, TEO have advised that from this year, the DCGRP will operate over a 3 year indicative funding cycle.
- 3.2** Therefore, the Action Plan 19/20 which was approved by SCP in January 2019 included a section for each funded programme assessing the potential for the project to develop over the next two funding cycles.
- 3.3** In addition, two Action Plan summaries relating to 20/21 and 21/22 are to be submitted by 15th March 2019. These documents will form the Council's three year DCGRP Action Plan. This three year Plan will be assessed, revised where appropriate and an allocation agreed with the Council for Year 1, subject to a satisfactory assessment and availability of budget. In Years 2 and 3, following a positive evaluation and availability of budget, allocations will be agreed for each programme. At the end of the three years, an overall report will be submitted to TEO covering the entirety of delivery across the three year action plan and an in depth assessment of the good relations outcome of the Programme will be conducted.
- 3.4** TEO have advised that their opening budget position for 19/20 has not yet been confirmed, However, it is expected to be on a similar scale to the 18/19 allocation. There is no indication about budgets for the following 2 years but the attached Plans have been drawn up on similar lines. The same also applies to the Council's contribution in 20/21 and 21/22 as this is agreed annually and any contribution will be subject to Council approval.
- 3.5** Members are also asked to note that as part of the Plan for the 19/20 financial year, an allocation has been made to undertake a good relations audit which details the good relations needs and issues within the City and is used by the TEO and Council as the rationale for the subsequent DCGRP Plans. Councils are asked to undertake these audits every 3 years.

3.6 Therefore, the two plans will be subject to the findings of the audit to be undertaken next year and could then potentially alter. However, any proposed changes would be brought back to the Shared City Partnership for approval.

3.7 Members are requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee that they approve its submission to the Executive Office for the deadline of 15th March 2019.

3.8 **Financial & Resource Implications**

The plan will be 75% funded by TEO with the remaining 25% included in the Council's 2019/20 budget. The Council has made provision to support Good Relations Activity with an amount which is in excess of the required 25% contribution included in the budget for 19/20. Funding supports a portion of some of the salaries within the Good Relations Unit. The programme bid for 20/21 and 21/22 totals £710,050 and £707,500 respectively, with an amount of averaging £532,000 being requested from TEO. The Plan will be submitted with the caveat that the Council's contribution for both financial years will be subject to Council's annual budget setting exercise.

3.9 **Equality or Good Relations Implications and Rural Needs assessment**

The attachments contain information on the work of the Council in promoting Good Relations. There are no anticipated negative equality and good relations implications within this submission."

The Partnership adopted the recommendations.

Update from Shared City Partnership Planning Session

The Good Relations Manager provided the Members with an overview of the Shared City Partnership (SCP) planning session that had been held on Friday, 1st February. The Members were reminded that the planning session had been organised outside of normal Partnership business, to give the Members an opportunity to talk more informally about the work of the Partnership, its role and future focus. She reported that eight Members of the Partnership had attended the session which had taken the form of a group discussion and had proven to be extremely productive.

The officer outlined the following proposed actions that had arisen from the session:

- the SCP would request to meet with the Council's Senior Management Team and Party Group Leaders to emphasise the strategic importance of the SCP and good relations;
- it was noted that the membership of the SCP was cross party and this needed to be reflected at its monthly meetings in terms of regular attendance from the Members;
- when the new Good Relations Strategy was agreed, it was suggested that a cross party foreword be added to the Strategy

which would outline the support for good relations and ownership of the Strategy; and

- the SCP felt that it needed to promote the good work that had already been undertaken by the Partnership. The work of the PSNI around social media was recognised as a model of good practice to dispel myths and encourage people to engage.

Actions to ensure that the work of the SCP was effective

- it was noted that, whilst the reports submitted to the SCP contained recommendations, the Members of the Partnership were actively encouraged to challenge and/or come up with alternative options;
- it was agreed that the SCP would be more proactive in inviting organisations/individuals to present that were linked to the prioritised work of the Partnership;
- it was agreed that more informal 'presentation days' would be convened outside of the normal monthly meeting of the Partnership which would allow more time for discussion on agenda matters at the Partnership meetings;
- it was agreed that, due to the formality of the meetings, officers would investigate holding the meetings in a more informal setting;
- it was agreed that officers would explore the options available to convene some of the monthly meetings at an external venue;
- it was agreed that the contact details for the Area Neighbourhood Managers would be circulated to the Partnership Members; and
- it was agreed that officers would investigate the opportunity to link with the Belfast PCSP to explore issues of mutual concern.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it agree to the implementation of the aforementioned recommendations and actions.

Request for Presentation

The Partnership was advised that the Northern Ireland Life and Times (NILT) and Young Life and Times Surveys (YLTS) each year carried out surveys and documented public opinion on a wide range of social issues. The surveys were a joint project of the two Northern Ireland universities and provided an independent source of information in regard to public attitudes.

The Good Relations Manager reported that in November 2018 a research update was provided based on the NILT and YLTS findings on attitudes to asylum seekers and refugees. This research provided some interesting figures in relation to how welcoming Northern Ireland was for asylum seekers and refugees.

The Partnership agreed to invite researchers from the NILT and YLTS to a future meeting to share the findings in relation to understanding sentiment towards asylum seekers and refugees.

Motion on Anti-Semitism

The Partnership considered a report which sought it to consider the definition of anti-Semitism. The Partnership was advised that, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting held on 25th January, had forwarded this matter to the Partnership for its consideration.

The Members considered the proposed wording and the various points for consideration that had been highlighted by the officers. During discussion, it became apparent that the Members felt that this matter should not be considered in isolation and felt that it was important to take into account a range of views on the issue.

The Members also referred to the request from Mr. S. Jaffe from the Northern Ireland Friends of Israel to address the Partnership and, in the context of having due regard to listening to views from minority communities, agreed that, whilst it would be useful to hear his representation, it would also be helpful to hear from other minority groups.

The Partnership agreed that consideration of the matter would be deferred to enable officers to submit a report to the March meeting which would enable the Members to consider the wording of the antisemitism motion in a wider context.

Update on Regeneration of Navarra Place

The Good Relations Manager provided the Members with an update on the progress in respect of the delivery of a regeneration scheme in Navarra Place. She reminded the Partnership that this project was to develop a new playground and MUGA at Navarra Place, which would result in the removal of a DoJ owned interface. Consultations had taken place with the local community in April 2017 and feedback on both aspects of the project had been extremely positive.

The Partnership was advised that the regeneration work was being co-funded by the DoJ in association with the Council. The officer detailed that the pre-tender estimate for the project was £400,000. In November 2019, the DoJ had provided a written letter of offer, which confirmed that it would provide 50% of the funding for the project up to a maximum of £200,000. She advised that this funding had to be spent by the end of the financial year and that the Council would meet the remainder of the required funding through its Capital Programme scheme.

In addition, the Council's Good Relations Unit would deliver a good relations programme between January and March 2019. Funding of £10,000 would be used to fund an artist/facilitator to work with the two communities of Greater Whitewell and White City to produce a shared artwork for the new playground. The officer advised that assessment had taken place on 13th December, 2018 and the successful artist had been appointed and had commenced work in January. The final artwork would be erected in the playground upon the completion of all construction works.

The Partnership noted the update provided.

Update on NISMA/NILGA Subgroup

The Good Relations Manager reminded the Partnership that she had been appointed as the nominated officer, along with the Chairperson/Vice Chairperson of the Shared City Partnership, to the NI Strategic Migration Partnership (NISMP), hosted by Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA), to a cross-council Sustainable Communities and Demographics Working Group.

She reminded the Partnership that the working group aimed to be instrumental in identifying and addressing council needs and concerns relating to changing demographics and ensuring that these were understood by decision makers at both Westminster and Stormont. In the first instance, its primary focus would be to determine the impact of migration on the economic and social priorities for each council.

The Good Relations Manager advised that the NISMP had met three times since September and she drew the Members' attention to the group's Terms of Reference and Work Plan.

The officer detailed the group's Strategic Objectives as follows:

- to ensure that policies and practices in Northern Ireland were informed by an understanding of council demographics; and
- to ensure that elected representatives and policy makers understood the factors which determined migration stocks and flows and how these might be influenced to help meet council social and economic priorities and to promote community wellbeing.

In addition, the officer reported that the Action Plan highlighted four objectives under which the activities and outcomes were highlighted.

The Partnership noted the update provided.

Events Update

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

Event	Date	Contact	How to register
Draft Good Relations Strategy Consultation Event	21st February Girdwood 12.00pm – 2.00pm	David Robinson ext: 6030	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Draft Good Relations Strategy Consultation Event	25th February City Hall 6.30pm – 8.00pm	David Robinson ext: 6030	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Draft Good Relations Strategy Consultation Event	26th February Crescent Arts Centre 7.00pm – 9.00pm	David Robinson ext: 6030	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Draft Good Relations Strategy Consultation Event	4th March East Belfast Networking Centre 1.00pm – 3.00pm	David Robinson ext: 6030	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Draft Good Relations Strategy Consultation Event	7th March Colin Allotments 12.00pm – 2.00pm	David Robinson ext: 6030	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Refugee and Arabic Cultural Information Workshop	27th February City Hall 10am-1pm	Leish Dolan ext: 6028	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Visit to the Belfast Islamic Centre	7th March Belfast Islamic Centre 11.00am-2pm	Leish Dolan ext: 6028	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Irish Cultural and Linguistic Experience	27th March An Droichead 10.00 am -12pm	Leish Dolan ext: 6028	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663
Living Library Event	27th March Black Box 1.00-4.00pm	Leish Dolan ext: 6028	goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk or telephone 02890 270663

Noted.

Committee Schedule for April

The Members were advised that, at the January meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, it had been noted that all political parties would be extremely busy with canvassing in the lead up to polling day for the Local Government Elections, and particularly during the month of April. It had been agreed that it would be necessary to continue with the Standing Committees in that month, however, there were a number of Working Group meetings scheduled to be held in April, including the Shared City Partnership, and it had been agreed that the Committee would request that the Partnership consider cancelling its scheduled meeting for April.

The Partnership agreed that the meeting of the Shared City Partnership scheduled for Monday, 8th April would be cancelled.

Chairperson

Action Plan Programme Outcome Summary Table 2020/21

Total budget available: £710,050

Staff costs: £257,550

Programme Costs: £452,500

The value and costs included in the 20/21 bid reflect those incurred in the 19/20 Programme

Total participants – 5,960 No cost - £76

Code	GR Audit Need	Programme Name	Key T:BUC Theme	Outcome Indicator	Numbers	Total Cost	Post Code	Potential to Progress
BCC1	To provide ongoing support for good relations across the city	Small Grants Programme, criteria will reflect focus on the 4 T;BUC themes and will provide opportunities for organisations across Belfast to support participants to engage in activities which promote the TBUC outcomes	All 4 themes – projects will be aligned to relevant theme	Relevant indicator for the TBUC theme as indicated for other programmes	60 projects 20 participants each project - 1200 total participants	Total £220,500 (£184 –no. cost)	All	Yes, 21/22 if need evidenced by GR Audit
BCC2	To enhance good relations outcomes from St Patrick's day celebrations (p54, 8.5.2)	St Patrick's Day Celebration grants. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to support community events which provide the opportunity to learn about and engage with the celebration of Saint Patrick's Day	Cultural expression	% increase in the number of participants who think the culture and traditions of Catholics, Protestants and minority ethnic people add to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland society	50 projects 20 participants each project – 1,000 total participants	Total £30,000 (£30.00 –no. cost)	All	Yes, 21/22 if need evidenced by GR Audit
BCC3	To support more inclusive, family and culturally significant events. Need to engage with PUL community (pvii, 1.1.4)	Cultural Expression programme – to engage with the Protestant/ Unionist/Loyalist community to promote positive cultural expression through support for community events, training and awareness raising programmes and the provision of bonfire beacons.	Cultural expression	% increase in the number of participants who think the culture and traditions of Catholics, Protestants and minority ethnic people add to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland society	30 projects 20 participants each project – 600 total participants	Total £50,000 (£83 –no. cost)	All	Yes, 21/22 if need evidenced by GR Audit
BCC4	Council should demonstrate civic leadership on Decade of Centenaries commemoration Increase awareness of the benefits of cultural diversity (pvii, 1.1.4) Use of cultural activities (art, sport, music, events) to bring	Shared City & Diversity Programme Decade of Centenaries programme – a series of events that will highlight key anniversaries from 100 years ago. Reflections Programme – programme which will aim to sensitively engage on the events of the recent conflict through a programme of reflections and recollections	Cultural expression	% increase in the number of participants who think the culture and traditions of Catholics, Protestants and minority ethnic people add to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland society	4 DOC events Up to 50 participants each event – 200 total participants 2 RP events – up to 50 participants each – 100 total participants	Total £20,000 (£31.00- no. cost)	All	Yes, 21/22 if need evidenced by GR Audit

	<p>people together 39, 6.6.2)</p> <p>Need to support the inclusion of new communities in Belfast and develop their capacity (pviii, 1.1.4)</p>	<p>Diversecity Project – series of visits, events and training to support the promotion of diversity and respect for cultural expression . This will include events to mark key dates such as Holocaust Memorial Day, International day of Peace etc, Refugee Week, Irish Language Week</p> <p>Develop Programme to support the inclusion and participation of new communities including the work of the Migrant Forum.</p>			<p>Up to 25 participants per diversecity event- target of 250 total participants</p> <p>4 forum meetings – 25 participants – total 100</p> <p>Total participants - 650</p>			
BCC5	<p>Need to continue to improve attitudes and relations between young people from different backgrounds (piii, 1.1.1)</p>	<p>Schools intervention programme – this 2 year programme will actively promote diversity and challenge issues of stereotypes, bias and harassment in the school setting. The project will provide a training resource for staff and pupils to address these issues.</p>	Children & Young people	% increase in the number of participants (young people) who have a more positive attitude towards those from another community background	1 project 500 participants	<p>Total £30,000 over 2 years. £20,000 in year 20/21.</p> <p>(£40 – no. cost)</p>	All	Yes – 21/22, based on project evaluation and if need evidenced by GR Audit
BCC6	<p>Key stakeholders highlighted that hate crime and intimidation is evident across Belfast and there is a perception that racism is increasing at a citywide level. (pv, 1.2.3)</p>	<p>Good Relations approach to hate crime – provide a range of tailored interventions to address issues of hate crime, sectarianism and racism across Belfast.</p> <p>Implementation of recommendations from research conducted in 2018 regarding Islamophobia</p> <p>Community based Interventions</p>	Safe Community	% increase in the number of participants who feel safe going to events in areas that they would not normally travel to.	3 projects 200 participants	<p>Total £30k</p> <p>EBDCA – £10,000 Support East Belfast Ethnic Minority Support Project</p> <p>£20,000 over 2 years. £10k in year 20/21</p> <p>£10,000 towards projects that can provide appropriate interventions to address sectarian and race hate crime</p> <p>(£150.00 – no cost)</p>	All	Yes – 21/22, based on project evaluation and if need evidenced by GR Audit

BCC7	Prioritise engagement with communities living at interfaces / peacewalls (pvi, 1.1.3)	Invite submissions from interface communities to develop long term projects and annual events that will provide opportunities for engagement between communities living at interfaces – includes Christmas Goodwill events	Safe Community	% increase in the number of participants who feel safe going to events in areas that they would not normally travel to.	4 x projects 60 - 240 participants 8 projects x100 participants - 800	Total £40,000 £40,000 Interfaces EOI programme (£38 – no cost)	All	Yes – 21/22, based on project evaluation and if need evidenced by GR Audit
BCC8	Need to deliver projects that develop shared space in identified areas (pv, 1.1.2) Need for programmes that bring people together to meet, engage and develop relationships (p40, 6.6.3)	Shared space programme – invite submissions for communities living at interfaces to provide opportunities for the development and increased use of local spaces as shared. Continue to support existing shared spaces such as Girdwood Community Hub and the Innovation Factory and develop initiatives at other existing and emerging facilities eg Navarra/ Alexander Park Deliver 4 good relations networking events per annum. These events will provide an opportunity to develop relationships and share best practice across the city. Series of bi-monthly 'lunch-time' seminar discussions on sensitive issues such as flags, bonfires, murals, legacy and others.	Shared Community	% increase in the number of participants who think that their area is shared and open to people from different backgrounds	3 x projects 50 participants - 150 4 x events 80 participants – 320 4 sessions x 50 participants - 200 Total participants - 670	Total £37,000 £30,000 GR support for areas engaged in physical transformation schemes E.g., Alex Park, Navarra etc. Events – £3,000 £4,000 (£55-no cost)	All	Yes – 21/22, based on project evaluation and if need evidenced by GR Audit
BCC9	Need for strong political leadership. The need for better promotion of Good Relations. Need to develop policies and projects that are long-term	Launch of BCC Good Relations Audit	Shared Community	% increase in the number of participants who think that their area is shared and open to people from different backgrounds.	Publication of audit and launch event – 100 at launch	Total; £5,000 £5,000 (£50 no cost)	All	

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Action Plan Programme Outcome Summary Table 2021/22

Total budget available: £707,500

Staff costs: £260,000

Programme Costs: £447,500

The value and costs included in the 21/22 bid reflect those incurred in the 20/21 Programme

Total participants – 5,860 – No cost £76.36

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BCC6	Key stakeholders highlighted that hate crime and intimidation is evident across Belfast and there is a perception that racism is increasing at a citywide level. (pv, 1.2.3)	Good Relations approach to hate crime – provide a range of tailored interventions to address issues of hate crime, sectarianism and racism across Belfast. Implementation of recommendations from research conducted in 2018 regarding Islamophobia Community based Interventions	Safe Community	% increase in the number of participants who feel safe going to events in areas that they would not normally travel to.	3 projects 200 participants	Total £30k EBDCA – £10,000 Support East Belfast Ethnic Minority Support Project £20,000 over 2 years. £10k in first year. £10,000 towards projects that can provide appropriate interventions to address sectarian and race hate crime (£150.00 – no cost)	All	Yes, if need evidenced by evaluation
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BCC9	Respond to need identified in 2020 GR Audit	Develop appropriate project based on needs and actions identified in 2020 GR Audit	TBC	TBC	TBC	£15,000	All	TBC

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Actions Arising From SCP Planning Day held on 1st February 2019

1. SCP to meet with Senior Management team and Party Group Leaders to emphasise the strategic importance of the Partnership and GR work and to highlight any work in partnership with all levels of the Council. There is a unique opportunity to have external people in the room – how can the partnership facilitate some of the conversations, give the issues a helpful airing and move them forward.
2. In addition, The SCP has cross party support and membership - needs to be reflected in availability and attendance.
3. When the new GR strategy is agreed after the consultation, there should be a cross party foreword inserted as in the case of the BA which visibly demonstrates the support for good relations and ownership of the Strategy. Senior staff also need to be visible and present.
4. To promote the good work that the SCP has undertaken. Example given of the tale of 2 cities in the summer and how narratives that promote the positive work in the city should be more dominant. The work of the PSNI around social media was recognised as a model of good practice to dispel myths and encourage people to engage.

Actions to ensure work of the SCP is effective

1. While reports which were brought to the SCP had recommendations, members were encouraged to challenge and/or come up with alternative options. The point of the SCP was to test the thinking around good relations work and to ensure that it had a robust enough standing when going to the SP and R Committee.
2. Lack of engagement – it was pointed out that speakers who came to the SCP or were directed to the SCP through Council did not necessarily have a specific ask. The SCP should be more proactive in asking for speakers which were linked to work the SCP had prioritised.
3. It was suggested that “presentation days” could be held outside of the normal business to allow more time for discussion on matters of business in the SCP meetings.
4. Members advised that the formality of the meeting room inhibited discussion and they appreciated the opportunity to work in a more informal environment. They referred to holding previous meetings in outside venues and thought that while it was difficult to secure rooms large enough that this should still be explored on occasion.
5. The opportunity of the area working model was discussed and it was agreed that the contacts for the Area neighbourhood Managers would be circulated to the SCP. SCP members agreed they were a key link as well as the Area working Groups and there could be solutions found to cross cutting issues through the GRU..
6. It was also felt that the opportunity to link with the Belfast PCSP could be explored on issues of mutual concern.



Subject:	Request regarding offer of a Statue from representatives of Stena Line
Date:	22 nd February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director, City and Neighbourhoods Services
Contact Officer:	Nicola Lane, Good Relations Manager

Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Some time in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To update Members on the offer of a statue to the City of Belfast from Stena Line along with a funded programme regarding nonviolence for young people and to seek approval regarding the site of the statue.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> agree that the statue offered by Stena Line should be placed at the Girdwood site subject to the proper conditions being put in place. note that Officers will continue to liaise with Stena Line to explore the potential for a nonviolence programme for children and young people and bring any proposal through the Shared City Partnership in the first instance.

3.0	Main report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	The Olsson family, founders and owners of Stena Line, support many causes and charities including the Non-Violence Project Foundation. The Foundation has some high-profile supporters, however, there is not currently much awareness in the UK and Ireland https://www.facebook.com/nonviolenceuk/ . The family is interested in exploring a potential initiative with the City of Belfast.
3.2	The symbol for this is the famous statue by Carl Reutersvärd, which, among other places, is situated in front of the United Nations building in New York. This statue is a well-known symbol of peace and non-violence.
3.3	The Olsson family is very supportive of the intentions and ambitions in this organisation/project, especially in relation to Stena Line's property and buildings, many of which are in troubled areas.
	<u>Request</u>
3.4	The request was brought to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in October 2018 advising members of the idea to offer a statue to City of Belfast. Belfast is Stena Line's largest port today. Stena Line already supports the Belfast Giants, however, this initiative would seek to demonstrate in a different way that Stena Line cares about the schools and the youth of Belfast. Members of the Olsson family would travel to Belfast for the inauguration of such a statue with the Lord Mayor. Stena Line would then support a non-violence program to be rolled out at certain areas or schools. The overall purpose is to show that Stena Line takes responsibility and contributes to society in a positive manner.
3.5	A pack outlining the request had been previously circulated to members but is attached again for members' convenience. Members had agreed that Officers should meet with the representatives of Stena Line to explore options for the siting of the statue and bring a report back to Committee in due course for consideration.

	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.6	The Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and the Good Relations Manager has met with representatives from Stena to discuss the thinking around the project further.
3.7	While it may initially appear that the image of the “knotted gun” does not sit comfortably within the Belfast context, members may wish to note the statue can be customised to meet local needs / issues (pictures included in the appendix), and it can be colourful and vibrant.
3.8	Stena had proposed a number of sites, which could suitably host the statue – including a maritime position which would be close to the City Centre and would be linked to the tourism offering within the City.
3.9	However, given the Belfast context - a city moving out of conflict and which is being regenerated, not just centrally but in local communities with the aim of promoting connection and cohesion, the representatives were asked to consider Girdwood as an appropriate place to site the statue.
3.10	The representatives were impressed with the history and the development of the site. The building of a shared space in a previously contested area, the development of a further phase to continue the work at the site and beyond including linkages to a major arterial route were factors, which they recognised sat with the aims of the project as well as providing natural local connections with any potential programme. Therefore, Officers were asked to bring the matter before Committee for their approval to site the statue at Girdwood.
3.11	Should Council agree to the above request, the company have stated that they would be willing to invest significant funds in a programme for children and young people through schools which would look at nonviolence. They have advised that they would wish Council to take the lead on this initiative. Members will be aware that the Council is currently supporting a number of programmes through PEACE IV but these are confined to afterschool activities as stipulated by the funding conditions.

	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.12	At this stage, there are no financial implications for Council.
	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs assessment</u>
3.13	There are no equality or good relations implications associated with this report. Should Council agree to support the request for the statue and associated programme, the aim would be to promote positive good relations within the City.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Presentation on the Project from Stenaline Appendix 2 - Information about the Non Violence Programme

The Knotted Gun

A gift to the city of Belfast



The Non-Violence Project

- Founded in 1992 by two Swedes: Rolf Skjolebrand and Jan Hellman.
- Friends since childhood, they saw the unacceptable increase in violence around the world and decided to do something inspiring and constructive to reach the hearts of the next generation.
- They embarked on a journey that took them deep into the roots of violent behaviour.
- The journey made them realise that education is the only tool that works and it is through schools and sports infrastructure that motivating and inspiring messages about non-violence can be relayed.
- The NVP is an educational initiative based in Geneva, Switzerland, operating in 30 countries on five continents.
- The mission of the Non-Violence Project is to inspire, motivate and engage young people in positive action and to guide them to understand how to solve conflicts more peacefully.

The Knotted Gun

- Skjoldebrand and Hellman decided to use the strongest peace symbol on the planet – The Knotted Gun.
- The Knotted Gun symbol was created by a Swedish artist Carl-Fredrik Reuterswärd as a memorial tribute to John Lennon after he was shot and killed in New York in 1980.
- Lennon had a vision of a world at peace and at the time of his death was one of the most public advocates for peace and non-violence. In many of his songs the lyrics focused on the vision of a world without violence.

*“Imagine all the people living life in peace
You may say that I’m a dreamer
But I am not the only one
I hope someday you’ll join us
And the world will live as one.”*

- The Knotted Gun was unveiled as a sculpture outside the United Nations headquarters in New York in 1988 as a symbol for peace.
- The unique symbol is displayed at more than 30 strategic public locations around the world including the Olympic Museum in Lausanne and the Peace Park in Beijing.

The Knotted Gun



Interpreted by Global Ambassadors

The sculpture is being interpreted by some of the world's most well-known personalities as part of the Non-Violence For Peace Tour. These distinguished ambassadors create their personal artistic interpretation of the sculpture and their replica sculptures are then exhibited at various events and art exhibitions around the world.



Embraced by local heroes

The symbol and sculpture also play an important part in the many creative activities in the NVP educational programs. Young people participating in these sessions around the world interpret the symbol on the drawing sheets, and are then able to decorate their local environment with their non-violence messages.

“The sculpture Non-Violence has not only endowed the United Nations with a cherished work of art; it has enriched the consciousness of humanity with a powerful symbol that encapsulates, in a few simple curves, the greatest prayer of man; that which asks not for victory, but for peace.”

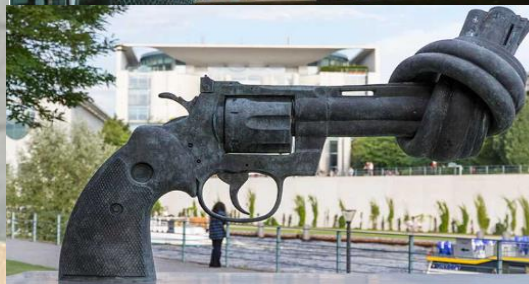
Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General and Nobel Peace Laureate

Cities Making A Statement

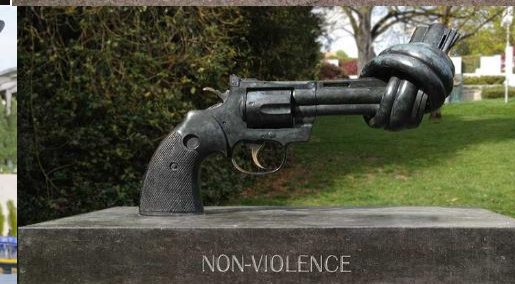
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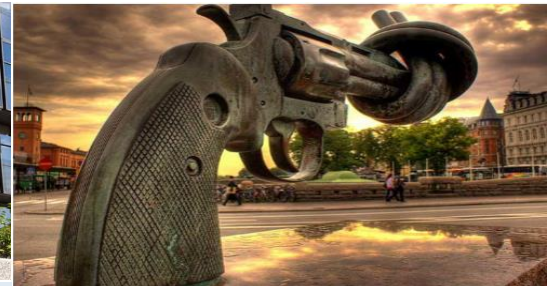
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Beijing Peace Park
Cape Town Waterfront
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Celebrities Making A Statement

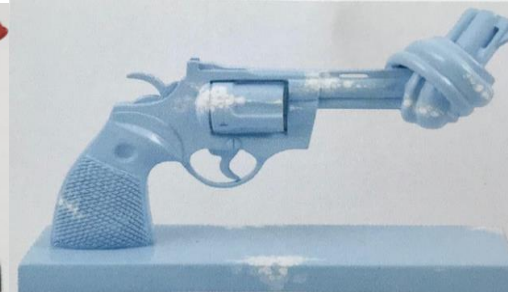
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Sir Paul McCartney, England



Muhammad Ali, USA



Yoko Ono, USA



Don Oriolo, USA (Felix the cat)



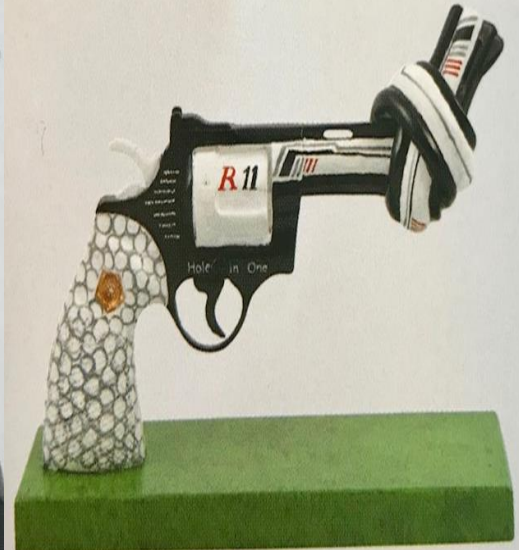
Jose Gomaz, Mexiko



Ringo Starr, England



Nico Rosberg, Tyskland



Dustin Johnson, USA

A Partnership for Peace

- Stena Line has a long and positive history and long term future commitment to the city of Belfast.
- Our main shareholder Mr Dan Stena Olsson and his wife Jane have a strong desire to give back to the City and as such would like to gift the City The Knotted Gun sculpture.
- Stena Line care greatly about schools, education and young people.
- The sculpture of The Knotted Gun could be customised with artwork to alleviate any concerns that the sculpture might be too dramatic and therefore make it less sensitive.
- Replicas of our bespoke Belfast sculpture could be created and sold to help support NVP projects in Belfast.



We're keen to identify a high profile site...

- Queens University
- Crumlin Road Gaol – tourist attraction
- Botanic Gardens/Ulster Museum
- City Hall
- Laganside

Even More Than A Sculpture

- Stena Line would be keen to support NVP Education programs i.e. Kids for Peace (Primary Schools P5-P7).
- This program could cover topics including the philosophy of non-violence, conflict management, self-esteem, multi-cultural differences and bullying.
- Creativity and interaction are the cornerstones of every program.
- There is a real opportunity to use some of the NVP programs to bring communities together, build relationships and engage young people in positive action.
- Programs could take place in schools and/or in a neutral and fun environment onboard Stena Line in the form of educational children's cruises.

Further Information

The Non-Violence Project:

<http://www.nonviolence.com/about/the-knotted-gun/>

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THE NON-VIOLENCE PROJECT FOUNDATION (NVP)

Inspiring Youth Through Education

1. INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

Every day more and more people realize that violence is not an isolated problem that only affects the underprivileged. It affects us all, whether we are rich or poor, or living in Soweto, Shanghai, Mexico City, Miami, Paris or Stockholm. Every day young people are desperately reaching out for guidance and support to help them deal with violence and other related problems.

The problem has become even more relevant with the wave of immigrants and local terrorist attacks that we currently are experiencing in Europe.

Some key facts:

- Worldwide some 250 000 homicides occur among youth 10–29 years of age each year, which is 45% of the total number of homicides globally each year.
- Homicide is the fourth leading cause of death in people aged 10-29 years, and 83% of these homicides involve male victims.
- For each young person killed, many more sustain injuries requiring hospital treatment and high cost for society.
- In one study, from 3–24% of women report that their first sexual experience was forced.
- When it is not fatal, youth violence has a serious, often lifelong, impact on a person's physical, psychological and social functioning.
- Youth violence greatly increases the costs of health, welfare and criminal justice services; reduces productivity; and decreases the value of property.

Imagine we could guide young people to take charge of their own lives and fulfil their dreams. Then these statistics would change dramatically.

The Non-Violence Project Foundation, (NVP) was launched in 1993, and is a Swiss based non-profit organization that promotes social change through education. We have national offices in: Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Beirut (for the Middle East), Greece, USA, Mexico, Brazil, UK, Uganda, Japan, India and associate partners in: Italy, South Africa, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Congo and at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, the New School University in New York, UNAM University in Mexico City and at the Soledad Prison in California.

Our vision is a world without violence. Our mission is to inspire, motivate and engage young people to understand how to solve conflicts peacefully. Our belief is that knowledge is the best weapon against violence. To date we have educated eight million young people, students, teachers and sport coaches on five continents and have more than two million followers on our various social media platforms.

2. PHILOSOPHY OF CHANGE

Violence is learned behavior; there is no 'violent' gene that anyone inherits. We believe that if young people can learn to be violent, they can also learn to be nonviolent, kind, and responsible, and grow into adults and leaders who can create a more peaceful world.

We work under the assumption that many conflicts are the result of how young people perceive themselves, and how they perceive and relate to others. We also acknowledge that young people's influence of their environment plays an important role in creating change.

Therefore, we base our work on individual personal development and on raising awareness in wider environments, including schools, sports clubs, and within families and the media. Our belief is that knowledge is the best weapon against violence.

3. OUR SYMBOL

Our symbol is the well-known image of peace and non-violence - the Knotted Gun, created 1980 by the Swedish artist Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd, as a tribute to John Lennon. The symbol features at more than thirty strategic locations around the world, including the United Nations headquarters in New York, at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne and in the Peace Park in Beijing.

4. NVP EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Our five main programs are:

- Kids for Peace, age 3-10
- School for Peace, age 10-20, levels 1-3
- Sports for Peace, age 10-20, levels 1-3
- Universities for Peace, age 20-25
- Entrepreneurship for Peace, age 17-25

These programs cover topics including the philosophy of non-violence, conflict management, self-esteem, multi-cultural differences and bullying. To effectively implement our core subjects, we focus on two methods; interaction and creativity.

Our main focus is on preventing violence from happening, and educating communities to help change attitudes and behaviours that have allowed violence to flourish. Violence amongst the young often leads to social exclusion and vice versa. This leads to high costs in terms of human suffering and in financial terms. Research shows that preventive education and initiatives can reduce costs to society by up to two thirds, if dealt with in time.

The NVP education model is built on two methods:

- Live training; designed to provide teachers, sport coaches, and university students with the skills and knowledge necessary to pass the NVP educational programs on to students and young people, and to have the competence and understanding to train other teachers.
- Digital training; through a web-based "NVP virtual classroom" that reaches out to a global audience that goes far beyond what would be possible through live training.

5. AWARENESS AND AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Awareness is a very important part of the NVP agenda, and we know that we cannot change the world alone. Our work depends on the support of well-known personalities from around the world, and they are helping us to increase public awareness about peace and non-violence, and about the global educational work we are doing. Our Ambassadors come from the world of music, sport, and the arts, and include among others; Yoko Ono, Ringo Starr, Sir Paul McCartney, Muhammad Ali, Nico Rosberg, Lionel Messi, Norika Fujiwara, Shonosuke Okura, Steve Angello, Meja, Xavier de la Rue, Anahi, Luigi Buffon, Michael Ballack, Derrick Green, Amir Kahn, Robin Söderling, and Dustin Johnson. All together we have more than a hundred international and national NVP Ambassadors.

6. SPECIAL PROJECTS

- The Cities for Peace Program connects cities and citizens around the world into one large network for peace and non-violence, including the implementation of the NVP education program, level 1, to a minimum of 100 schools in each city.
- The NVP Prison Program aims to develop a Personal Empowerment and Conflict Education Program (P.E.A.C.E) for prisoners, with the objective of reducing remaining individual sentence time thus saving costs to society.
- The NVP Juvenile Detention Education Program has the objective of creating a “sentence reduction” for young offenders, to help keep them from suffering a life-long social exclusion.
- The Social Entrepreneur Program has been designed to guide and support young people towards self-employment and to help them to take charge of their own lives. Increasing global unemployment mainly affects young people, and creates social exclusion, often leading to violence and crime. This entrepreneurship program has been developed in Uganda and will be further developed and implemented in other countries.
- The Pick-Up Yourself Program empowers young “at-risk” women with skills and start-up capital to earn a decent living instead of resorting to prostitution or crime.

7. OBJECTIVES

To have reached out to 50 million young people, teachers and sport coaches with a relevant education programs based on live and virtual training by 2020.

8. EVALUATION, QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SOCIAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT

We are evaluating all of our educational programs in order to assess how well the training programs meet the learner’s needs and program objectives, to find out what knowledge and skills our programs have given to the learners, and what changes they have brought to the learner’s behaviour.

The NVP Quality Assurance supports performance according to set standards, and helps us establish and maintain quality improvement activities as an integral and sustainable part of NPV. This includes monitoring all activities that contribute to the design, delivery, and assessment, as well as improving the quality of delivery and satisfaction amongst the target group of students, teachers, sport coaches, and master trainers.

The NVP Social Return on Investment policy is a framework for understanding, measuring and managing the outcomes of our activities. It can encompass all types of outcomes – social, economic and environmental – but it is based on involving stakeholders in determining which outcomes are relevant.

9. LEGAL STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

The NVP is a registered Swiss based non-profit foundation with its head office in the canton of Valais. Both federal and cantonal authorities control the foundation and FIDAG SA, a major Swiss auditing company, audits it. The national organisations are required to have non-profit organisation status, or similar status according to national requirements.

The collaboration between NVP and national organisations and partners is stipulated in separate agreements between NVP and each country.

The NVP board has a minimum of four board meetings per year. At the time of this summary the board has the following members:

Jan Hellman	Chairman
Claes Cronstedt	Member
Jens Holm	Member
Rolf Skjöldebrand	Executive Director, non member

10. FINANCIAL STRATEGY

NVP has the following sources of income:

- Partners
- Corporations and organizations
- Donations
- Art, merchandise, and licensing
- Program sales

11. DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES

- 10 % Preparation and related administrative costs
- 80 % Project costs (incl. related remunerations)
- 10 % Assessment and Social Return on Investment (SROI)

12. AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND TESTIMONIALS

The President's Call to Service Award, by President Barack Obama for NVP's devotion to shape a better tomorrow for the youth of the United States.

At a press conference in Mexico City, President Obama referred to NVP as being one of the best youth education programs in the world.

The Daily Light Award, by President Bill Clinton, "The work of the Non-Violence Project is an outstanding example of what we can do for our fellow citizens through community action."

The Outstanding Young Leader Award by President Bill Clinton.

The Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow Award (awarded twice) for the Non-Violence Project's efforts to curb youth violence around the world.

The American National Safety Council Award (awarded twice) for Best Practice.

Facebook Non Profit Award.

The SET Africa Fellowship Award for an outstanding social enterprise transforming Africa, by the International Youth Foundation, the MasterCard Foundation, the USAID, and the Makerere University Business School, Kampala, Uganda.

The Metro International Award.

The Best Practice Award, by Florida Association of Drug and Alcohol Counsellors.

The Miami Times named NVP as the “Best Non-Profit to donate anything to.”

The National Football League (NFL) Community Award.

HRH Queen Silva of Sweden, HRH Princess Victoria of Sweden, and the Mexican, South African and Ugandan Ministries of Education, have also awarded the Non-Violence Project.

“Over the past few months this school hall has been the venue for funeral services for many a victim of violence: an apt place to lay the demons to rest with the launch of Non-Violence Project. This ground-breaking project originated in Western Europe and centres around the concept of self-empowerment or “fix-it yourself.” - Christina Kennedy, journalist, Johannesburg.

“The Non-Violence Project is seen as the answer to our prayers.” Margret Webber, Director of Education, South Africa.

“It is imperative that we take some time to reach out to at-risk youth as well as to all youth in our communities. It is people like yourself and programs such as The Non-Violence Project that help bridge that gap in our community by removing all the negative and replacing it with positive. Not only are your community actions well received by the youth but also complimentary to everyone, young and old alike, in the community.” Alex Penelas, former Mayor of Miami.

“Your Project made me a better person and opened my eyes. Without you I would not have been writing this letter. I would probably be dead in a gang fight.” Jesnina Felton, student, Miami.

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Verbier, August 2016

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Subject:	Boxing Strategy – Equality screening
Date:	22 nd February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Director of Neighbourhood Services

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the updated equality screening that has been undertaken of the Amateur Boxing Strategy.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note this report.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> Members are reminded that this Committee at its rate setting meeting in January 18 considered a request from Antrim Boxing and IABA for funding of £200k per annum to sustain the Belfast Amateur Boxing Strategy to 2020. It agreed to provide £200k for 18-19

	<p>within the revenue estimates. Members asked that the equality screening be updated which has now been completed and a copy is attached as appendix 1.</p>
3.2	<p>An equality screening was undertaken of the strategy when it was developed. This screening updates the original screening using evidence/information that has become available in the intervening period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term review of the implementation of the strategy • Complaints received during the implementation of the strategy • List of geographical location of clubs currently affiliated to the IABA • Programme monitoring data from IABA's delivery programme 17/18 • IABA's action plan and associated KPIs for delivery of 18/19 funding • Presentations to Council meeting on 3rd January 2018 by the IABA and Northern Ireland Boxing Association (NIBA)
3.3	<p>The review of the implementation of the strategy in 2015 showed that there had been some positive outcomes in terms of impact on certain underrepresented groups including younger people and females. It also showed that whilst there was a new club in an area that could be perceived to be predominately Protestant there is still an underrepresentation from people who are from a Protestant background. The review also demonstrated that whilst there has been some work undertaken to make the sport more accessible to people with a disability including an increase in clubs with facilities that are accessible by a person with a disability there is still an underrepresentation in this area.</p> <p>The monitoring of the participant data from the IABA delivery of the programme in 17/18 shows that whilst some work has been ongoing in targeting people from underrepresented groups there is potential to increase this work in several areas including among females, people with a disability and people from a Protestant background. Members should note that we have been advised that 3 of the 4 clubs previously affiliated to the NIBA have now re-affiliated to the IABA and the 4th is not currently affiliated to any governing body.</p>
3.4	<p>Based on the available evidence the equality screening has recommended 'screened out with mitigating actions'. The mitigating actions are that we will ask the IABA to increase their targeting of the identified underrepresented groups in the delivery of their 18/19 and any future funding programmes. These actions will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • delivering more try it events in areas that might be perceived as being predominately Protestant; • targeting a greater number of schools from sectors other than the Catholic Maintained sector;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in the actions around developing coaches and volunteers that they look at opportunities to promote these among underrepresented groups such as people from a Protestant background and from different racial backgrounds; • delivering more try it events for people with disabilities and working with more special needs schools; • training more coaches who can work with people with special needs; and • continuing to deliver the actions around targeting females to increase the number of female members and coaches. <p>Members should note that officers have already spoken to the IABA and asked that they incorporate these actions into the delivery of their remaining 18/19 programme and that they will be asked to include them in the delivery of any future programmes.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The Boxing Strategy is funded through a recurrent budget and is included in the 2019/20 estimates which have been agreed by Council in February 2019.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The strategy has been screened in line with the Council's processes.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Equality screening of the Amateur Boxing Strategy for Belfast

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Equality Screening Template

Belfast City Council -Equality Screening Template

The Council has a statutory duty to screen. This includes our strategies, plans, policies, legislative developments; and new ways of working such as – the introduction, change or end of an existing service, grant funding arrangement or facility. This screening template is designed to help departments consider the likely equality impacts of their proposed decisions on different groups of customers, service users, staff and visitors.

Before carrying out an equality screening exercise it is important that you have received the necessary training first. To find out about the training needed, contact – gilmartins@belfastcity.gov.uk

The accompanying [Screening Guidance](#) note provides straightforward advice on how to carry out equality screening exercises. Detailed information about the Section 75 equality duties¹ and what they mean in practice is available on the Equality Commission's website.

The screening template has 4 sections to complete. These are:

Section A - asks you to provide details about the policy / decision that is being screened.

Section B - has 4 key questions that require you to outline the likely impacts on equality groups, and all supporting evidence.

Section C - has 4 key questions in relation to obligations under the Disability Discrimination Order

Section D - is the formal record of the screening decision.

¹ ECNI 'Section 75 of the NI Act 1998: A Guide for Public Authorities' April 2010. www.equalityni.org

Section A

Details about the policy / decision to be screened

Title of policy / decision to be screened:-

Amateur Boxing Strategy for Belfast 2012-2022 – additional funding to IABA to deliver action plans for 17/18 & 18/19.

Brief description of policy / decision to be screened:-

(Explain - Is this a new, revised or existing policy? Are there financial / legislative / procurement implications?)

The Amateur Boxing Strategy was developed by the Council and partners to consider the role and development of amateur boxing in Belfast. A contribution of £200,000 per year over 3 years from April 2013 was agreed by the Council to enable the implementation of the strategy's action plans. The strategy and associated actions plans were equality screened at this point.

Due to a delay in recruiting staff the funding was spread over a longer period and this funding ceased on 31st March 2017.

Following lobbying from the boxing sector the Council agreed to directly fund the Irish Athletic Boxing Association (IABA) to deliver elements of the strategy during 17/18 as outlined below:

- Events (£24k) – ring-fenced from Sport for Sport budget (agreed by People & Communities Committee in March 17)
- Action plan (£45k)- agreed by Strategic Policy & Resources Committee in June 17 following request by IABA for £101k – supported by an action plan
- Additional funding agreed by People & Communities Committee (£49k) – delegation from boxing presented to P&C Committee in Dec 17 and they agreed this amount from departmental underspend.

The SP&R Committee at its rate setting meeting in January 18 considered a request from Antrim Boxing and IABA for funding of £200k per annum to sustain the Belfast Amateur Boxing Strategy to 2020. It agreed to provide £200k for 18-19 within the revenue estimates. Members asked that an equality screening be undertaken prior to consideration been given for funding for 19/20.

Aims and objectives of the policy / decision to be screened:-

(What is the policy trying to achieve?)

The aim of the strategy is to consider the role and development of amateur boxing in Belfast and through the action plans to provide much needed investment and support for amateur boxing clubs in Belfast.

The action plans for 17/18 and 18/19 as submitted by the IABA aim to continue to deliver on the aim of the strategy.

On whom will the policy / decision impact?

Consider the internal and external impacts (both actual or potential)

- ☒ Staff
- ☒ service users
- ☒ other public sector organizations
- ☐ voluntary / community groups / trade unions
- ☒ others, please specify -sports governing bodies and sports clubs

Are there linkages to other Agencies/ Departments?

The strategy was developed and will be delivered in partnership with a range of bodies including County Antrim Boxing, the Ulster Boxing Council (UBC), Sport Northern Ireland (SNI) and the Irish Athletic Boxing Association (IABA).

The action plans for 17/18 and 18/19 are delivered by the IABA.

Section B

1. Outline consultation process achieved or planned

In the development of the strategy consultation as outlined below took place:

Baseline assessment

As part of the development of the strategy the Council carried out a baseline assessment which involved sending out a questionnaire to 27 amateur boxing clubs in Belfast and four on the periphery². 25 of the Belfast based clubs and two of the clubs on the periphery returned completed questionnaires equating to a response rate of 87.1%.

The questionnaire was structured to gain information on a range of issues including membership, coaches and volunteers, governance structures, funding, facilities and equipment.

Public consultation on the draft strategy

A period of public consultation (14 weeks) on the draft strategy took place from Monday 5 November 2012 - Friday 8 February 2013. A copy of the draft strategy and a response questionnaire were available to download from the Council's website.

A letter was sent to 31 boxing clubs³ informing them of the consultation and inviting them to a meeting at which they could give their views. This meeting was held on Thursday 17th January 2013 at 7pm in Ormeau Bowling Pavilion and was independently facilitated. 22 representatives from boxing clubs across the city and 2 representatives from Sport NI attended the meeting.

Council officers also offered to meet with the Boards of each of the partner organisations to discuss the strategy and provide clarification as required. This offer was taken up by the Board of Co Antrim Boxing and a meeting was held with them on 8 January 2013.

An email was sent to all the organisations on the Council's Section 75 Consultative Forum list informing them of the consultation and inviting them to respond. As a there is a high level of interest in boxing from the Irish Traveller Community contact was made with two umbrella organisations informing them of the consultation and inviting their views.

Officers also presented an overview of the draft strategy to the youth forum at a specially organised meeting. The meeting was attended by 17 members and a high level of discussion followed the presentation.

A total of 16 written responses were received to the public consultation, 14 of which were in the format of the consultation questionnaire. Of the responses received 14 were made on behalf of clubs, one was from an individual and one was from Sport NI.

² 27 clubs within the Belfast City Council boundary and four on the periphery (two in Newtownabbey and two in Lisburn council areas)

³ ibid

Review of implementation of the strategy – January 2016

A review of the Amateur Boxing Strategy 2012-2022 was undertaken in late 2015 after the first phase of its implementation. The review re-visited the strategy's baseline information and assessed progress with the strategy's action plan. Research for the review included:

- A survey of boxing clubs, capturing baseline information to enable comparisons with 2012; 29 returns were obtained.
- A survey of schools and youth centres/leisure centres involved in the Non-Contact Boxing Programme; 23 returns were obtained.
- A Focus Group with clubs to assess their awareness of the strategy, its impact on boxing and how it might be improved in the next phase of implementation.
- A Focus Group with schools.
- Consultation with a range of key groups/organisations having an interest in the strategy.

2. Available evidence

What evidence / information (both qualitative and quantitative) have you gathered to inform this policy? Set out all evidence below to help inform your screening assessment. Please note: It is important to record information gathered from a variety of sources such as:

- Monitoring information
- Complaints
- Research /surveys
- Consultation exercise and other public authorities

A range of evidence and information was used in the original screening of the strategy, including that obtained from the consultation outlined in the previous question. Information was also used from consultations undertaken by the IABA in the development of their strategic plan and by the UBC in the development of their implementation plan.

The detailed evidence is included in the strategy which can be downloaded from www.belfastcity.gov.uk/boxing

In the period since the development of the strategy and initial screening several other sources of evidence/information have become available:

- Mid-term review of the implementation of the strategy
- Complaints received during the implementation of the strategy
- List of geographical location of clubs currently affiliated to the IABA
- Programme monitoring data from IABA's delivery programme 17/18
- IABA's action plan and associated KPIs for delivery of 18/19 funding
- Presentations to Council meeting on 3rd January 2018 by the IABA and Northern Ireland Boxing Association (NIBA)

Section 75 category	Details of evidence / information and engagement																																																															
Religious belief	<p>Within the original baseline assessment (2012) and the review (2015), clubs were asked to provide information on the religious background of their members, coaches and volunteers. The table below show the returns from the clubs and the changes in each category. The greatest change is that there has been an increase in clubs who say that there is no one dominant religion among coaches and that there is an increase in clubs who say the religion of their members and coaches in unknown.</p> <table><tr><th></th><th colspan="2">Members</th><th colspan="2">Coaches</th><th colspan="2">Volunteers</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>2012</th><th>2015</th><th>2012</th><th>2015</th><th>2012</th><th>2015</th></tr><tr><td>All Catholic background</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>15</td><td>11</td><td>13</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>All Protestant background</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Predominantly Catholic</td><td>16</td><td>12</td><td>6</td><td>4</td><td>1</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>Predominantly Protestant</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>No one dominant religion</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>6</td><td>2</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Unknown</td><td>1</td><td>5</td><td>0</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>Totals</td><td>27</td><td>29</td><td>27</td><td>29</td><td>27</td><td>29</td></tr></table> <p>Information from the IABA indicates that they currently have 31 clubs affiliated to them from across Belfast. 10 of these are situated in North and 8 of these are located in areas that might perceived to be predominantly catholic. 13 are situated in the West and 12 of these are located are in areas that might be perceived to be predominantly catholic. There are 4 clubs in the south of the city and 3 of these are perceived to be in a location that are considered to have no one dominant religion. There are 3 clubs located in East Belfast and these are all located in areas that might perceived to be predominantly protestant. There is also 1 club that is linked to a third level college and has a city wide catchment.</p> <p>Information from the NIBA throughout the process had indicated that they had 4 clubs affiliated to them, 1 from each area of the city. All of these clubs were located in areas that might perceived to be predominantly protestant. As of November 2018 the Council has been informed that 3 of these clubs have re-affiliated to the IABA and the 4th club had left the NIBA and were not affiliated to any governing body.</p> <p>It is important to note that whilst clubs are situated in areas that may be perceived as being predominately made up of one community all clubs are open to everyone regardless of their community background and there is evidence that some clubs have members from outside their immediate area.</p> <p>In the period 17/18 the IABA have reported the following growth in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 new club based in the East availed of the seeding grant• 22 Clubs across the City indicated that they had seen an increase		Members		Coaches		Volunteers			2012	2015	2012	2015	2012	2015	All Catholic background	5	6	15	11	13	7	All Protestant background	1	1	4	3	2	3	Predominantly Catholic	16	12	6	4	1	7	Predominantly Protestant	3	3	1	0	1	1	No one dominant religion	1	2	1	6	2	2	Unknown	1	5	0	7	8	9	Totals	27	29	27	29	27	29
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	Members		Coaches		Volunteers	
	2012	2015	2012	2015	2012	2015
British (majority of members)	6	6	9	7	6	5
Irish (majority of members)	11	13	15	8	8	8
Northern Irish (majority of members)	1	-	-	-	1	-
Equal no of British and Irish Members	1	-	1	-	2	-
Other European member state (some members)	10	5	-	1	-	1
Other European country (not EU) state (some members)	0	4	-	1	1	1
Chinese (some members)	2	0	-	0	-	0
Asian (some members)	2	1	-	0	-	0
Other (some members)	4	4	3	0	-	0

During presentations from the IABA and NIBA at the Council meeting on 3rd January 2018 the following information was presented.

The IABA updated Members on work that was ongoing around equality and governance within the organisation and provided an update on 2 specific projects - 'Pathways to become an international boxer within Northern Ireland' (which is supported by GB Boxing) and a flags and emblems policy.

The NIBA highlighted issues around the fact that any clubs affiliated to them were not able to benefit from funding associated with the strategy as they are not recognised as a governing body by Sport NI and their boxers are denied the opportunity to represent Northern Ireland in tournaments other than at the Commonwealth Games.

The Council has also received various correspondence from one of the clubs affiliated to the NIBA including a section 75 complaint in July 2017. The complaint centered on the inability of clubs affiliated to the NIBA to apply for funding from Belfast City Council. In response to the complaint it was highlighted that 'Belfast City Council provides funding to clubs affiliated to sports governing bodies which are recognised by any of the Home Countries Sports Council. Currently, in the sport of boxing, these organisations are England Boxing, the Irish Athletic Boxing Association, Boxing Scotland and Boxing Wales'.

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Age

The table below shows a comparison of the age profile from the assessments carried out on 2012 and 2015.

Members stop boxing aged 34 and members are classified as veterans from aged 35 and some may continue to be involved in clubs as coaches/volunteers or committee members.

Membership Breakdown	2012	2015	% increase/decrease
U11 Boys	340	578	+41%
U11 Girls	77	125	+38%
Junior Boys (11 to 16 yrs)	567	578	+2%
Junior Girls (11 to 16 yrs)	87	113	+23%
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Veteran Women (35 yrs plus)	71	87	+18%
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Key observations are:

- Significant increases of 41% and 38% are recorded for membership in the U11 Boys and U11 Girls categories respectively.
- The numbers of Junior Boys and Senior Men has remained fairly static from 2012 to 2015 with a small reduction recorded in the number of Senior Men.
- The reported number of Veteran Men has decreased by 37%.

The 2015 review showed that through the Schools Non-Contact Boxing Programme, 33 Schools have been involved in the strategy as it has been delivered over the last three years. It found that 48,270 participant opportunities realised and that the schools involved included primary, secondary and special schools. Questionnaire feedback from schools rated the programme highly in terms of enjoyment, benefit to health and wellbeing and sporting role models.

In its programme delivery in 2017/18 the IABA had 872 participants on its non-contact boxing programmes from 23 schools across the city. This was broken down in 569 males and 303 females. The breakdown by sector was:

Irish medium – 1
 Special – 2
 Catholic Maintained – 15
 Controlled – 5

The breakdown by area was:

North – 8
 West – 8
 East – 4
 South – 3

Marital status	No specific information was gathered in relation to this category.																																																										
Sexual orientation	No specific information was gathered in relation to this category.																																																										
Men & women generally	<p>Traditionally boxing is seen as a male sport but there has been an increasing number of females taking up the sport and over the period of the strategy there has been a number of initiatives that have increased the profile of females in the sport including the introduction of females taking part in international competitions such as the Olympics.</p> <p>The table below shows a comparison of the membership profile from the assessments carried out on 2012 and 2015.</p> <table><tr><th>Membership Breakdown</th><th>2012</th><th>2015</th><th>% increase/decrease</th></tr><tr><td>U11 Boys</td><td>340</td><td>578</td><td>+41%</td></tr><tr><td>U11 Girls</td><td>77</td><td>125</td><td>+38%</td></tr><tr><td>Junior Boys (11 to 16 yrs)</td><td>567</td><td>578</td><td>+2%</td></tr><tr><td>Junior Girls (11 to 16 yrs)</td><td>87</td><td>113</td><td>+23%</td></tr><tr><td>Senior Men (17 to 34 yrs)</td><td>452</td><td>444</td><td>-2%</td></tr><tr><td>Senior Women (17 to 34 yrs)</td><td>126</td><td>154</td><td>+18%</td></tr><tr><td>Veteran Men (35 yrs plus)</td><td>230</td><td>168</td><td>-37%</td></tr><tr><td>Veteran Women (35 yrs plus)</td><td>71</td><td>87</td><td>+18%</td></tr><tr><td>Other</td><td>49</td><td>45</td><td>-9%</td></tr><tr><td>Totals</td><td>1,999</td><td>2,292</td><td>+15%</td></tr></table> <p>Significant increases are noted in female membership at all age groups, reflecting female targeted initiatives. The review also found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coaching, 16% of coaches are female. Whilst a gender split was not noted in 2012, the percentage of female coaches is close to the percentage of members that are female, which is 21%; female membership in 2012 was 18% of the total.• The number of volunteers (non-coaches) has jumped 64% from 2012, from 123 to 201. This represents an average of approximately 7 volunteers per club. Of particular interest is the increase in female volunteers, going from 3 in 2012 to 40 in 2015. Whilst this result is encouraging it's not clear what sort of tasks non-coaching volunteers carry out and the extent of their contribution to the clubs. It's noted there may be some confusion between coaches and volunteers – it is possible some clubs double counted. <p>There has also been an improvement in the facilities provided as the table below shows:</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">No of clubs with facility</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>2012</td><td>2015</td></tr><tr><td>Female changing</td><td>8</td><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>Female showers</td><td>9</td><td>14</td></tr></table>			Membership Breakdown	2012	2015	% increase/decrease	U11 Boys	340	578	+41%	U11 Girls	77	125	+38%	Junior Boys (11 to 16 yrs)	567	578	+2%	Junior Girls (11 to 16 yrs)	87	113	+23%	Senior Men (17 to 34 yrs)	452	444	-2%	Senior Women (17 to 34 yrs)	126	154	+18%	Veteran Men (35 yrs plus)	230	168	-37%	Veteran Women (35 yrs plus)	71	87	+18%	Other	49	45	-9%	Totals	1,999	2,292	+15%	No of clubs with facility				2012	2015	Female changing	8	18	Female showers	9	14
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Dependants	No specific information was gathered in relation to this category.

What is the likely impact (indicate if the policy impact is positive or negative) on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the Section 75 equality categories? What is the level of impact?

Section 75 category	Likely impact?	Level of impact? Minor/Major/None
Religious belief	<p>In the original screening of the strategy it was identified that there was potential for people from a Protestant community background to be differentially affected, in that the results of the baseline assessment showed that at that time the majority of boxing clubs in Belfast had a majority of their members from a Catholic background and that the majority of coaches were also from a Catholic background.</p> <p>The review of the implementation of the strategy in 2015 showed that although 62% of clubs said that their members were all or predominately from a Catholic background, this had dropped from 78% in 2012. There has also been a drop in the number of clubs who say that their coaches were all or predominately from a Catholic background.</p> <p>An analysis of the location of the clubs currently affiliated to the IABA show that the majority are based in areas that might be perceived to be</p>	Minor

	<p>predominately catholic. However it should be noted that in 17/18 a new club affiliated to the IABA that is based in East Belfast, in an area that might be perceived to be predominately protestant.</p> <p>It has also been noted that the 4 Belfast based clubs affiliated to the NIBA were located in an area that might be perceived to be predominately protestant. As the NIBA is not a recognised governing body by any of the Home Countries Sports Councils, clubs affiliated to it are only able to access limited support from the Council and this does not including funding. As of November 2018 the Council has been informed that 3 of these clubs have re-affiliated to the IABA and the 4th club had left the NIBA and were not affiliated to any governing body.</p> <p>The figures from the IABA's delivery of the non-contact boxing programme in schools show that 65% of the schools involved in the programme in 17/18 were from the Catholic maintained sector.</p> <p>Within the 18/19 action plan the IABA have identified that they are going to deliver a good relations programme to 180 participants, they are proposing to deliver this through their holiday camps.</p> <p>IABA have indicated that within their volunteer education events to be held in 2018/19 they will include Good Relations Training and update. This event will be targeted at all Belfast based clubs affiliated to them.</p>	
Political opinion	It is our belief based on the evidence that there would be no likely impact based solely on political opinion.	None
Racial group	<p>In the original screening of the strategy it was identified that there was potential for people from different racial groups to be positively impacted on, in that the research showed that clubs across Belfast had members from a range of racial groups and over a third of the clubs that responded to the baseline assessment had members from an 'Irish Traveller' background.</p> <p>However the majority of coaches were white and only 3 clubs had a coach who is a member of a different racial group and so at this level there was potential for people from different racial groups to be negatively impacted on.</p> <p>The review of the implementation of the strategy in</p>	Minor

	<p>2015 showed that the ethnicity of members appears to be similar to that in 2012. However there has been an increase in the number of clubs having coaches and volunteers from non-white ethnicity.</p> <p>See action relating to Good Relations training referred to in 'religious belief' section.</p>	
Age	<p>In the original screening of the strategy it was identified that there was potential for children and young people to be positively impacted on, in that the research showed that over half the current members of boxing clubs in Belfast were 16 and under.</p> <p>The review of the implementation of the strategy in 2015 showed that there has been a substantial increase in the membership of clubs of both U11 boys and girls. The other key change is that there has been a substantial drop in Veteran Men.</p> <p>A key action in the delivery of the strategy was the development of a Schools Non-Contact Boxing Programme. The 2015 review found that 48,270 participant opportunities had been realised through the delivery of the programme. In 17/18 the IABA had 872 participants from 23 schools across the city take part in the programme.</p> <p>Within the IABA's action plan for 18/19 they have several actions which are targeted at children including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide talent squads within Belfast for 11-14 year olds • To hold try it events and target 80 pupils • To run the schools non-contact programme and target 800 pupils • Host a Belfast Boxing open day and target 80 people who traditionally have no involvement with boxing including children and young people • To run a boxing holiday camp for children and young people targeting 180 participants 	Minor
Marital status	<p>It is our belief based on the evidence that there would be no likely impact based solely on marital status.</p>	None

Sexual orientation	It is our belief based on the evidence that there would be no likely impact based solely on sexual orientation.	None
Men and women generally	<p>In the original screening of the strategy it was identified that there was potential for women and girls to be differentially affected, in that the research undertaken demonstrated that the majority of clubs did not have facilities such as toilets and changing rooms for females. There was also the potential for positive impacts on females through the inclusion of try it events aimed specifically at this group and actions around encouraging females to become coaches.</p> <p>The review of the implementation of the strategy in 2015 showed that there has been a significant increases in female membership across all ages groups reflecting female targeted initiatives and the improvements in female facilities within clubs.</p> <p>Within the IABA's action plan for 18/19 they have several actions which are targeted at females including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide talent squads within Belfast for Girls 11-14 year olds • To hold try it events and target 80 pupils which will include females • To run the schools non-contact programme and target 800 pupils which will include females • Host a Belfast Boxing open day and target 80 people who traditionally have no involvement with boxing including females • To increase the number of females coaches 	Minor
Disability	<p>In the original screening of the strategy it was identified that there was potential for people with disabilities to be differentially affected, in that the research undertaken demonstrated that the majority of clubs did not have facilities such as toilets and changing rooms for people with a disability. There was also the potential for positive impacts on people with disabilities through the inclusion of try it events aimed specifically at this group.</p> <p>The review of the implementation of the strategy in</p>	Minor

	<p>2015 showed that there has been an increase in the numbers of clubs that have facilities that are assessable for people with a disability but there was no specific information around the number of members of boxing clubs with a disability. There was no specific information on disability within the participant information from the IABA's return for 17/18.</p> <p>Within the IABA's action plan for 18/19 they have several actions which are targeted at people with disabilities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To hold try it events and target 80 pupils which will include people with disabilities • To run the schools non-contact programme and target 800 pupils which will include pupils from special schools • Host a Belfast Boxing open day and target 80 people who traditionally have no involvement with boxing including people with disabilities 	
Dependants	It is our belief based on the evidence that there would be no likely impact based solely on whether or not you have dependants.	None

Additional information from the IABA

The IABA have devised a Good Relation Programme which is called, "Boxing Better Together", which they have developed with the BCC Funds.

The marketing banners refer to "Diversity, Equality and Inclusivity"- this is to ensure that the programme was broad enough that we could cater for all aspects of Equality and all elements of the Section 75 Act including: religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation, gender, persons with or without a disability and persons with or without dependants.

Over the past 2 years the equality work the IABA have delivered has touched on all these areas through our Good Relations Training Workshop- delivered by John Kremer "Us and them". John touches on all aspects of equality to include sexual orientation and racial groups and cultural backgrounds including the travelling community.

So in summary the IABA currently run a training programme that delivers on all aspects of equality through our "us and them" workshop, including sexual orientation and cultural backgrounds.

Please note that due to the IWG report in 2013, where the IABA had an incident of sectarian and racist behaviour at an event in St. Kevin's Hall, it was right and appropriate that our focus on the ground to date has been to target and market these events on to clubs and boxing club members from a CRN and PUL community backgrounds to promote messages of anti-sectarianism and anti-racism. The IABA

proactively and positively target the PUL Clubs to try and achieve higher representation from these clubs to ensure that the minority voice within our membership was adequately represented.

Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equalities categories?

Section 75 category	If Yes, provide details	If No, provide reasons
Religious belief	<p>Yes - Through the delivery of the IABA's action plan for 18/19 there are opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity within this Section 75 category. These include actions around the promotion of boxing among underrepresented groups and those who would traditionally have no involvement or exposure to the sport. This is likely to include people from a Protestant background. Within the 18/19 action plan the IABA have identified that they are going to deliver a good relations programme to 180 participants, they are proposing to deliver this through their holiday camp. They have also indicated that they will include Good Relations training and update within their volunteer education events. As part of these programmes they have the potential to examine how underrepresentation from the Protestant Community might be addressed.</p> <p>There are several actions around developing coaches and volunteers including offering Level 1 training courses and there will be opportunities to promote these among underrepresented groups such as people from a Protestant background.</p> <p>Within the IABA action plan they have actions around Try it days and Belfast Day of Boxing – within these actions there is opportunity to target these in areas not traditionally associated with boxing and this might include areas that</p>	

	<p>are perceived to be predominately Protestant.</p> <p>Within its delivery of the non contact boxing programme in schools there is potential for the IABA to target a greater number of schools from sectors other than the Catholic Maintained.</p>	
Political opinion		<p>No - It is our belief that there are no opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity as there is equal opportunity for a person of any political opinion to access the service. However historically in Northern Ireland, there are connections between religious belief, political opinion and racial groups.</p>
Racial group	<p>Yes - Through the delivery of the IABA's action plan for 18/19 there are opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity within this Section 75 category.</p> <p>Within the 18/19 action plan the IABA have identified that they are going to deliver a good relations programme to 180 participants, they are proposing to deliver this through their holiday camp. They have also indicated that they will include Good Relations training and update within their volunteer education events. As part of these programmes they have the potential to examine how underrepresentation such as people from different racial groups.</p> <p>There are several actions around developing coaches and volunteers including offering Level 1 training courses and there will be opportunities to promote these among underrepresented groups such as people from different racial groups.</p>	
Age	<p>Yes - Through the delivery of the IABA's action plan for 18/19 there are opportunities to better promote</p>	

	<p>equality of opportunity within this Section 75 category.</p> <p>These actions include the delivery of talent squads within Belfast for 11-14 year olds, the holding of try it events which will target 80 pupils and running the schools non-contact programme which targets 800 pupils.</p>	
Marital status		No - It is our belief that there are no opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity as there is equal opportunity for a person of any marital status to access the service.
Sexual orientation	Through the delivery of their Good Relations Training Programme there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity within this Section 75 category.	
Men and women generally	<p>Yes - Through the delivery of the IABA's action plan for 18/19 there are opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity within this Section 75 category.</p> <p>These include actions around the promotion of boxing among underrepresented groups such as 'try it' events for females and working with the governing body to attract and train more females as coaches.</p>	
Disability	<p>Yes - Through the delivery of the IABA's action plan for 18/19 there are opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity within this Section 75 category.</p> <p>These include actions around the promotion of boxing among underrepresented groups such as 'try it' events for people with disabilities, working with special</p>	

	needs schools in the delivery of the non- contact boxing programme and train coaches who can work with people with special needs.	
Dependants		No - It is our belief that there are no opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity as there is equal opportunity for a person with or without dependants to access the service.

To what extent is the policy likely to impact (positive or negatively) on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group? What is the level of impact?

Good relations category	Likely impact?	Level of impact? Minor/Major/None
Religious belief	It is our belief based on the evidence that there would likely be a minor positive impact on people of differing religious beliefs in that the proposed actions will provide opportunity for the promotion of boxing among underrepresented groups and those who would traditionally have no involvement or exposure to the sport. This is likely to include people from a Protestant background. Actions include to develop and deliver a good relations programme as part of holiday camps and within volunteer education events. These could examine how underrepresentation from the Protestant Community might be addressed.	Minor
Political opinion	It is our belief based on the evidence that there would be no likely impact based solely on political opinion.	None
Racial group	It is our belief based on the evidence that there would likely be a minor positive impact on people of differing racial groups in that the proposed actions will provide opportunities to increase the number of people from differing racial backgrounds in the sport. Actions include to develop and deliver a good relations programme as part of holiday camps and within volunteer education events. These could examine underrepresentation from people of different racial groups might be addressed.	Minor

Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

Good relations category	If Yes, provide details	If No, provide reasons
Religious belief	It is our belief that several of the proposed actions will provide opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief. These include the delivery of a good relations programme as part of holiday camps and within volunteer education events.	
Political opinion	It is our belief that several of the proposed actions will provide opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different political opinion. These include the delivery of a good relations programme as part of holiday camps and within volunteer education events.	
Racial group	It is our belief that several of the proposed actions will provide opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different racial groups. These include the delivery of a good relations programme as part of holiday camps and within volunteer education events.	

Section C

Belfast City Council also has legislative obligations to meet under the [Disability Discrimination Order](#) and Questions 5 -6 relate to these two areas.

Consideration of Disability Duties

5. Does this proposed policy / decision provide an opportunity for the Council to better **promote positive attitudes** towards disabled people?

Explain your assessment in full

Within the IABA's action plan for 18/19 there are actions that provide an opportunity for the Council to better promote positive attitudes towards disabled people. These include:

- Host 'try it' events including some targeted at underrepresented groups such as people with a disability
- Deliver the non-contact boxing programme in special schools.

6. Does this proposed policy / decision provide an opportunity to actively **increase the participation** by disabled people in public life?

Explain your assessment in full

Within the action plans there are actions that provide an opportunity for the Council to actively increase the participation by disabled people in public life. These include:

- Host 'try it' events including some targeted at underrepresented groups such as people with a disability
- Deliver the non-contact boxing programme in special schools.

Monitoring Arrangements

Section 75 places a requirement the Council to have equality monitoring arrangements in place in order to assess the impact of policies and services etc; and to help identify barriers to fair participation and to better promote equality of opportunity.

Outline what data you will collect in the future in order to monitor the impact of this policy / decision on equality, good relations and disability duties.

Equality	Good Relations	Disability Duties
A series of performance indicators are attached to the IABA's action plan for 18/19 and the data gathered as part of this will allow us to monitor the impact of the implementation of this strategy on equality, good relations and disability duties.	A series of performance indicators are attached to the IABA's action plan for 18/19 and the data gathered as part of this will allow us to monitor the impact of the implementation of this strategy on equality, good relations and disability duties.	A series of performance indicators are attached to the IABA's action plan for 18/19 and the data gathered as part of this will allow us to monitor the impact of the implementation of this strategy on equality, good relations and disability duties.

Section D

Formal Record of Screening Decision

Title of Proposed Policy / Decision being screened

Amateur Boxing Strategy for Belfast 2012-2022 - additional funding to IABA to deliver action plans for 17/18 & 18/19.

I can confirm that the proposed policy / decision has been screened for –

x	equality of opportunity and good relations
x	disabilities duties

On the basis of the answers to the screening questions, I recommend that this policy / decision is –

*place an X in the appropriate box below

	*<u>Screened In</u> – Necessary to conduct a full EQIA
	*<u>Screened Out</u> – No EQIA necessary (no impacts) Provide a brief note here to explain how this decision was reached:
X	* <u>Screened Out</u> - Mitigating Actions (minor impacts) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide a brief note here to explain how this decision was reached: The research undertaken in the development of the strategy showed that there was potential within the strategy to have an impact on several groups and actions were put within the strategy to address these. These included actions around hosting try it events and holding events to target people who traditionally would have no involvement or exposure to boxing. They also included the delivery of a good relations programme to Belfast based clubs. The review of the implementation of the strategy in 2015 showed that there had been some positive outcomes in terms of impact on certain underrepresented groups including younger people and females. It also showed that whilst there was a new club in an area that could be perceived to be predominately Protestant there is still an underrepresentation from people who are from a Protestant background. The review also demonstrated that whilst there has

	<p>been some work undertaken to make the sport more accessible to people with a disability including an increase in clubs with facilities that are accessible by a person with a disability there is still an underrepresentation in this area.</p> <p>The monitoring of the participant data from the IABA delivery of the programme in 17/18 shows that whilst some work has been ongoing in targeting people from underrepresented groups there is potential to increase this work in several areas including among females, people with a disability and people from a Protestant background.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain what mitigating actions and / or policy changes will now be introduced: <p>As a result of this screening we will ask the IABA in the delivery of actions in 18/19 that they increase their targeting of the identified underrepresented groups. We will also ensure that the targeting of any identified underrepresented groups is included within the delivery of future programmes. This will include them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ delivering more try it events in areas that might be perceived as being predominately Protestant ○ targeting a greater number of schools from sectors other than the Catholic Maintained sector ○ in the actions around developing coaches and volunteers that they look at opportunities to promote these among underrepresented groups such as people from a Protestant background and from different racial backgrounds ○ delivering more try it events for people with disabilities and working with more special needs schools ○ training more coaches who can work with people with special needs ○ continuing to deliver the actions around targeting females to increase the number of female members and coaches. <p>Through the delivery of the action plans there is the potential to have a positive impact on a number of groups including people with a disability, females and people from different racial groups and those from a Protestant background.</p>
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Formal Record of Screening Decision (cont)

Screening assessment completed by (Officer level) -

Name: Claire Sullivan

Date: 08/11/18

Department : City and Neighborhood Services

Signature: please insert a scanned image of your signature below



Screening decision approved by -

Name: Rose Crozier

Date: 08/11/18

Department : City and Neighborhood Services

Signature: please insert a scanned image of your signature below



Please save the final version of the completed screening form and forward to the Equality and Diversity Officer – gilmartins@belfastcity.gov.uk. The screening form will be placed on the BCC website and a link provided to the Council's Section 75 consultees. For more information about equality screening contact –

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Subject:	Members IT Equipment Package
Date:	22 nd February 2019
Reporting Officer:	Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance & Resources
Contact Officer:	Paul Gribben, Head of Digital Services

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report outlines the IT Equipment package that will be refreshed for Members following the Local Government Elections in May 2019.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the new IT Equipment package below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows Hybrid device: Dell Latitude 7390 (or equivalent), 1 Bluetooth touch pen (if required), and laptop case Smartphone: Either an iPhone XS or a Samsung Galaxy S9

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wireless printer for home use (if required): Model to be selected <p>2. Note the HP Elite x2 devices and smart phones currently used by members will be redistributed and reused by Council officers who fit a mobile user profile.</p>
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p>Following the adoption of a new Microsoft Enterprise agreement, and in order to maximise the rich features of Office 365 to deliver a more social, mobile, accessible and information-driven work environment, the members IT equipment package was refreshed in 2017. Members were provided with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A HP Elite x2 as the hybrid device of choice for members; • Either an iPhone 7 or a Samsung Galaxy S7, to standardise the models of smartphones supported; • And a wireless printer for home use
3.2	<p>Digital Services are currently standardising on the Dell Latitude 7390 (2 in 1) as the device of choice for mobile users. The HP Elite x2 are now end of production and co-opted Members are already being provided with Dell Latitude devices. To ensure consistency of support for members, Digital Services are recommending that all Members (who have not already been provided with a Dell Latitude device) be supplied with the same device. To remain within existing budget limits and to ensure good management of the Council's centralised IT Equipment and mobile phone budgets, the HP Elites and smart phones currently being used by Members will be redistributed and reused by Council officers who fit the Council's agreed mobile user profile.</p>
3.3	<p>Members' mobile phones have reached the end of their 2-year contract and they will be replaced for the new Council term of office.</p>
3.4	<p>The majority of the home printers provided to Members were purchased in 2013/14 and are now very expensive to operate due to the increasing cost of older toner. These printers will be replaced for those Members who still need to print at home. The most suitable wireless printer is currently being sourced.</p>
3.5	<p>Digital Services are recommending the following implementation plan for the new IT Equipment package.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2019 – Elected Members who are new to the Council will be prioritised for the receipt of the IT Equipment Package • May 2019 - Digital Services will then work with those Members who have not been re-elected to collect their equipment, facilitate data transfer and to allow the transfer of mobile phone numbers to a personal account. See 3.6 below. • June 2019 – Remaining Members will be invited to scheduled workshops where staff from Digital Services will facilitate the delivery of the new IT Equipment package. This will require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The transfer of information between devices ○ HP Elites and smart phones to be returned to Digital Services for reuse (on supply of new devices) ○ Registration of the new device on the Council's Wi-Fi network ○ An overview of the features of the new devices ○ Collection of the old smartphone, sim-swap, activation of new smartphone and transfer of data • June 2019 - Digital Services will arrange an appropriate time to set up home printers for those Councillors who require them
3.6	<p>For members who are not re-elected the following actions must be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows accounts and Council email addresses will remain active for 2 weeks to allow members to put in place alternative arrangements, • BCC accounts will then be disabled, • Digital Services will facilitate data transfer of personal data to removable media e.g. memory stick, during this period • A PAC code will be provided to allow members to transfer their mobile phone number to a personal mobile phone contract, • After 2 weeks, the BCC phone contract will be terminated.
3.7	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>To remain within existing budget limits and to ensure good management of the Council's centralised IT Equipment and mobile phone budgets, the HP Elites and smart phones currently being used by Members will be redistributed and reused by Council officers who fit the Council's agreed mobile user profile.</p>

3.8	<p><u>Next Steps</u></p> <p>The roll out of the new ICT Equipment Package will begin in May 2019 for new members and completed for existing members in June. An installation schedule will be drawn up with Officers from Democratic Services.</p> <p>Several options for training will be available including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarisation on handover of equipment • Scheduled drop-in clinics • 1-2-1 sessions
3.9	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None



Belfast
City Council

Subject:	Requests for use of the City Hall and the provision of Hospitality
Date:	22 February 2019
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor and Director Legal & Civic Services
Contact Officer:	Peter McKay, Facilities Manager

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	This paper, together with the attached appendix, contains the recommended approach in respect of each of the requests by external organisations for access to the City Hall function rooms received up to 12 February 2019 which appear to the Civic HQ Unit to comply with the criteria previously established by the Committee and are recommended for approval.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the recommendations made in respect of applications received up to 12 February 2019 as set out in the attached appendix.

3.0	Main report
	<u>Background Information</u>
3.1	Members will be aware that the Committee, at its meeting of 6th January 2017, agreed to modify the criteria governing access to the City Hall function rooms for external organisations.
3.2	The Committee also agreed to the implementation of room-hire charges for some categories of function, and also revised the approach to the provision of civic hospitality for functions on foot of the agreed efficiency programme. Some further modifications to this approach were agreed at the Committee's meetings of 24th March 2017 & 23 rd June 2017.
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.3	The existing revised criteria and scale of charges have been applied to the various requests received and the recommendations herein are offered to the Committee on this basis for approval.
3.4	The schedule attached at Appendix 1 covers a number of applications for functions, which are scheduled for 2019 and 2021 and are included in order to permit the organisers to commence their event planning and communications activity as early as possible.
3.5	It should be noted that 1 of the applications received has been dealt with by means of the authority delegated by the Committee to the City Solicitor because of the very short timescale involved, and is included in the schedule for information only.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.7	The implementation of charging for external functions has commenced, in line with the Committee's decisions in the matter.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.8	There are no direct good relations or equality implications arising from this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Schedule of Function requests received up to 12 February 2019.

FEBRUARY 2019 CITY HALL FUNCTION APPLICATIONS

NAME OF ORGANISATION	FUNCTION DATE	FUNCTION DESCRIPTION	CRITERIA MET	ROOM CHARGE	HOSPITALITY OFFERED	CIVIC HQ RECOMMEND
2019 EVENTS						
Red Cross	27 March 2019	Culture Sharing Event – An engagement and education event for service users in the refugee and asylum communities in Belfast. Numbers attending –75	D	No (Charity)	Yes – Tea, Coffee and Biscuits	Approved by Delegated Authority Recommend to approve, No charge, Tea and Coffee Reception
Telugu Cultural Society of Northern Ireland	14 April 2019	Ugadi 2019 – New Year Celebration event for the people of Deccan, India people living in Belfast including a cultural program. Numbers attending –350	D	No (Charity)	No (There is no catering planned for this event)	Recommend to approve, No charge, No hospitality
Tourism NI	15 May 2019	The Road to the Open Roadshow – Outreach event to engage school children in golf ahead of The Open including activities in the City Hall Grounds. Numbers attending – 100	B & C	£115	No	Recommend to approve, Room charge, No hospitality
Action on Hearing Loss	3 June 2019	Volunteer Awards 2019 – an event to celebrate and thank the volunteers working for Action on Hearing Loss over the past year Numbers attending –60	C & D	No (Charity)	Yes – Tea, Coffee and Biscuits	Recommend to approve, No charge, Tea and Coffee Reception
International Virtual Reality Professionals Association	10 June 2019	IVRPA Gala Dinner – Gala dinner as part of the 3 day IVRPA conference taking place in Belfast. Numbers attending – 150 - 200	A & B	No <i>(£300 waived as linked to Visit Belfast)</i>	Yes, Wine Reception <i>(linked to Visit Belfast)</i>	Recommend to approve, No charge, Wine Reception

FEBRUARY 2019 CITY HALL FUNCTION APPLICATIONS

Queen's University Belfast	15 August 2019	Faculty of Engineering Summer School Dinner – dinner to mark the end of the 2019 summer school for Chinese students visiting Belfast. Numbers attending –260	B & C	Yes Charge £300	Yes – Wine Reception	Recommend to approve, Room charge, Wine Reception
The British Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition	26 November 2019	BAPEN Conference Reception – conference reception as part of a 2 day conference taking place in Belfast. Numbers attending – 150 - 200	A & B	No (Charity)	Yes, Wine Reception <i>(linked to Visit Belfast)</i>	Recommend to approve, No charge, Wine Reception
2021 EVENTS						
Arabidopsis Events UK	21 June 2021	Opening Reception for the 32nd International Conference on Arabidopsis Research – Conference reception as part of a 4 day conference taking place in Belfast. Numbers attending – 500	A & B	No <i>(£300 waived as linked to Visit Belfast)</i>	Yes, Wine Reception <i>(linked to Visit Belfast)</i>	Recommend to approve, No charge, Wine Reception

Minutes of Budget and Transformation Panel Meeting 14 February 2019

Attendance

Members:

Councillor Peter Johnston (Chair)
Councillor Brian Heading (for Cllr Attwood)
Councillor Billy Hutchinson
Councillor Michael Long
Councillor Lee Reynolds
Alderman Jim Rodgers (for Alderman Browne)

Apologies: Alderman Browne, Councillor Attwood,

Officers:

Suzanne Wylie, Chief Executive
Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources
John Walsh, City Solicitor
John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Development
Gerry Millar, Director of Property and Projects
Alistair Reid, Director of Planning and Place (for item 1)
Emer Husbands, Strategic Performance Manager (secretariat)

1. City Recovery

The Director of Planning and Place updated the members on the current financial position in relation to the City Recovery Fund and presented emerging proposals for next steps in continuing to support the city centre following the Bank Buildings fire. A report on these high level proposals will be considered by SP&R at its February meeting. More detail on individual projects and activities will be developed and presented to committee for decisions over the coming months.

2. Organisational Improvement

The Director of City and Organisational Strategy updated the panel on the functional chart for the organisation which reflects the ongoing change programme. He also highlighted the work on the development of the People Strategy, including the organisations values and behaviours, and how the role out of this had begun to support the overall change programme.

3. Finance

Quarter 3 Finance 2018 / 19

The Director of Finance and Resources updated the members on the organisations quarter 3 financial position including the year end forecast. He highlighted that it was likely that there would be no year end re-allocation due to a number of risks to the rate base, including rating appeals.

4. Leisure Transformation Update – Consultation

The Director of Property and Projects outlined possible options for the consultation process for the naming of the new Leisure Centre, on the site of the previous Robinson Centre. The options would be considered by SP&R at their February meeting

5. Peace IV

Councillor Hutchinson declared an interest in this item as he was a member of Black Mountain Shared Space but was not required to leave the meeting.

The Director of Property and Projects updated the panel on the current status of the two Peace IV projects, including the timeline for the signing of the Letter of Offer for Black Mountain Shared Space and likely which will be considered at the February meeting of the SP&R Committee.

6. Governance Arrangements

The City Solicitor circulated a draft paper outlining the arrangements that need to be considered in relation to establishing governance structures for the new council post the May election. This will include allocating positions of responsibility, nominations to committees and a review of working groups. The future arrangements around Budget Panel and Party Group Leaders were also discussed.

7. Planning Update

The Chief Executive updated the panel on the live planning applications and informed the panel of the applications that were being presented to the Planning Committee this month.

8. AOB

(i) Belfast Region City Deal

The panel were informed that work was ongoing to get an agreed Heads of Term document which is currently in draft. Once a final version is agreed it will be presented to SP&R Committee.

(ii) Memorials

The City Solicitor updated the panel on the memorials policy which will be considered by committee in March.

(iii) Diversionary Festivals Funding

The Panel noted the proposed timetable for the funding call.

(iv) Members IT Equipment

A report on the arrangements for IT equipment for members of the new council, post the May election, will be considered in February by SP&R.

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Subject:	Use of Banqueting Hall by the Electoral Commission
Date:	22 nd February, 2019
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager
Contact Officer:	As Above

Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Some time in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a request from the Electoral Commission for the use of the Banqueting Hall for a Candidates' Briefing on 13 th March.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorise the Electoral Commission to use the Banqueting Hall on 13th March for a briefing for prospective candidates in the Local Elections. 2. Agree to waive the fee for room hire for this event. 3. Agree that these decisions will not be subject to call-in, due to the time frame for the event and that an unreasonable delay could be prejudicial to the council's or the public's interests.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1.1	A request has been received from the Electoral Commission for Northern Ireland for the use of a room in the City Hall on 13 th March for the purpose of holding a briefing for prospective candidates in the Local Elections. The Council granted permission for a similar event in 2014.
3.1.2	The event would take place in the Banqueting Hall from 6.00pm until approximately 9.00pm and would be open to all prospective candidates to attend.
3.1.3	The Commission would cover any costs associated with tea/coffee upon arrival.
3.2	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.2.1	None associated with this report.
3.3	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.3.1	None associated with this report.