

**Democratic Services Section
Legal and Civic Services Department
Belfast City Council
City Hall
Belfast
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**Belfast
City Council**

7th August, 2020

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet remotely via teams on Tuesday, 11th August, 2020 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**

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

2. **Restricted**

- (a) Installation of Panoramic Wheel in Botanic Gardens (Pages 1 - 4)
- (b) Micro Grant Funding and Reopening of Community Centres (Pages 5 - 12)
- (c) Request for the hire of Boucher Road Playing Fields (Pages 13 - 18)

3. **Matters referred back from the Council/Motions**

- (a) Motion - Littering (Pages 19 - 20)

4. **Committee/Strategic Issues**

- (a) Belfast Youth Forum Update (Pages 21 - 26)
- (b) Request to place a memorial bench in Shankill Cemetery (Pages 27 - 28)

5. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**

- (a) Notice of Intention - Traffic Regulation Order 2020 (Pages 29 - 38)

6. **Operational Issues**

- (a) Horizon 2020 (Pages 39 - 44)
- (b) Healthy Places - 'All the Colours' Initiative (Pages 45 - 52)
- (c) Departmental Priorities during Covid Recovery - Verbal Update

7. **Issues Raised in Advance by Members**

- (a) Cherryvale Playing Fields - Councillor de Faoite
- (b) Cemeteries Opening Times - Alderman Rodgers
- (c) Alleyway Transformation - Councillor Kelly
- (d) Pest Control Issues - Councillor Kelly
- (e) Future use of former Horticultural Training Site - Councillor Garrett
- (f) Odour Colin Area - Councillor Baker

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Subject:	Motion – Littering
Date:	11th August, 2020
Reporting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer
Contact Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer

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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 bring to the Committee’s attention the Motion in respect of which was referred to the Committee by the Council on 1st July.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Council, at its meeting on 1st July, considered the following Motion which had been moved by Councillor Groogan and seconded by Councillor Smyth:

3.2	<p>“This Council recognises the blight that littering across our city presents and the significant cost to the Council in dealing with it.</p> <p>We commit to doing all in our power to reduce the instances of littering, to ensure adequate resourcing is put into enforcement and to enhance opportunities for people to properly dispose of waste whether on street, in our parks or public spaces. This council will commit to providing recycling bins in parks and public spaces and where appropriate, provide additional general waste bins in communities.”</p>
3.3	<p>In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the People and Communities Committee.</p>
	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>None.</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.5	<p>None.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None



Subject:	Belfast Youth Forum update
Date:	11 August 2020
Reporting Officer:	Ryan Black, Director Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Cate Taggart, Neighbourhood Services Manager Grainne O'Hare, Community Development Officer

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an update on the ongoing work of Belfast City Council's Youth Forum (BYF) and the success of the campaigns; • Seek agreement on the next date for the joint Committee and Youth Forum meeting; • Seek permission to extend the term of the current Youth Forum membership for 1 year due to the impact of Covid-19 on the recruitment process.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the content of the report relating to the ongoing work and development of the Youth Forum; • agree the date of the next joint Committee and Youth Forum meeting; • agree to extend the current term of the 2018-20 cohort membership for 1 year.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p>Belfast Youth Forum</p> <p>BYF is the main youth participation structure of BCC and acts as the voice of young people within local government in Belfast. BYF is made up of 40 young people aged 13-18 recruited from each of the DEA's across Belfast; members serve a two year term with the current cohort serving from September 2018- September 2020. Our BYF model is rights based and youth led, and every two years young people select campaign areas to work on and bring forward to decision makers within local and regional government.</p>
3.2	<p>Youth Forum Campaigns</p> <p>BYF members are currently working on the following campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health (Elephant in the Room campaign); • Relationship & sexual health education (Any Use campaign); • Racism and diversity (HOME campaign). <p>Updates on each of the campaigns will follow in this paper.</p>
3.3	<p>Elephant in the Room (EITR)</p> <p>The BYF continue to work on the two main strands of their EITR campaign:</p>
3.4	<p>Engaging and lobbying decision makers</p> <p>In October 2018 young people from BYF and NI Youth Forum presented their report, its findings and its recommendations in Stormont. A number of senior officials from the departments, the Public Health Agency, the Health Trust and the Education Authority were also in attendance. At the meeting, young people led a discussion with officials on how</p>

they could work together to progress the recommendations. The report and work of our young people was well received and highly praised.

This research and subsequent lobbying by the Youth Forum has had significant impact on Government Departments. Chris Lyttle MLA, chair of the All Party Group on Children & Young People has asked the NI Executive to adopt the recommendations contained in the Youth Forum's research report. The young people involved in this research have been invited to present the findings to the full Assembly in late July 2020.

3.5 **Mental Health Advocacy - Awareness raising campaign with young people:**

Building on this work the BYF, NI Youth Forum and the Children's Commissioners Youth have been working together to create a mental health advocacy toolkit for young people titled '**Heads Up**'. Work in this area has been ongoing and the toolkit was due to launch in March 2020, however due to COVID19 has been delayed slightly. It is hoped the toolkit will be published and launched in the very near future.

3.6 **Relationship and sexual health education (RSE) – Any Use? campaign**

This campaign is a joint partnership between Belfast Youth Forum, Queens University Centre for Children's Rights and Common Youth to create a youth-led research project exploring young people's views on the standard of their current RSE in school which resulted in a report titled

'Any Use? Young people's opinions on relationship and sexuality education in Belfast 2019.'

The report launched in City Hall in November 2019.

A total of 771 young people from Belfast completed the survey and a number of recommendations were made as set out below:

i. Young people's recommendations

BYF members have analysed the findings and created the following RSE recommendations for Government:

- a) Adopt a right-based proactive approach to relationship and sexuality education.
- b) Work with young people to co-produce an RSE curriculum programme for schools.

c) A curriculum programme should be taught by specialised, qualified and trained staff.

ii. Next Steps

Now that the report has launched, work will begin in three areas:

1. Awareness raising with young people: The BYF had planned to hold a number of young people's RSE vents throughout 2020 with the first expected to take place in City Hall in Spring 2020, however due to COVID19, these have had to be postponed. It is hoped that these can begin to take place in the latter part of 2020.
2. The BYF hope to present the findings of this report to the Education Committee in Stormont and present their recommendations to Ministers.
3. The South Eastern HSCT have expressed interest in replicating this research in the other parts on NI. This would include an identical questionnaire for young people in these other Council areas so that the results can be compared to establish how RSE differs in different parts of NI. Work with the Health Development Specialist – Sexual Health & Disability from the SE Trust and the Project Coordinator from CCEA has begun to establish the best way to engage young people in these areas.

3.7

Racism and diversity

BYF members have been working with Dr Jonny Byrne from Ulster University on a piece of research titled HOME which explores BAME young people's experiences of living in Belfast. Young people from the BYF will be conducting focus groups with 6 different ethnic youth groups across Belfast. These will take place in September 2020 either socially distanced (preferred option) or via Zoom.

Findings from these focus groups will then be analysed, a report presented and recommendations made on how Belfast can be a more culturally diverse city.

A short film will also be produced focusing more in-depth on some of the BAME young people's experiences.

3.8	<p>COVID19 Youth Press Conference</p> <p>NI Executive have invited BYF to be represented at a youth press conference focusing on COVID19. At this press conference, young people from a variety of youth organisations will have an opportunity to pose questions to the Ministers on a variety of issues which have affected young people during this time. This press conference is scheduled to take place in July/August 2020.</p>
3.9	<p>Formalising our youth participation structures</p> <p>At committee in June 2019, Members agreed to establish a joint engagement between the BYF and P&C Committee by holding formalised meetings three times per annum. These meetings are to be recorded and ratified at Full Council. This is part of Councils work to build on and strengthen our current youth participation offer.</p> <p>Permission is sought to approve the next meeting date of Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 5pm.</p>
3.10	<p>NI Youth Assembly</p> <p>BYF received correspondence from the Speaker of the NI Assembly, Alex Maskey MLA, thanking the young people as stakeholders for their involvement in helping to shape the proposal for the NI Youth Assembly. The letter notes that the Youth Assembly will be forming shortly and will mirror the structure of the NI Assembly. This will be a great opportunity for our Youth Forum members to put themselves forward with our support to become members of the Youth Assembly. A further report will be brought to Committee when we know detail of the nomination and selection process.</p>
3.11	<p>Extending current Youth Forum membership</p> <p>Recruitment and selection to our Youth Forum takes place every two years with members serving the full term. The process is robust involving the following elements and timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with young people, youth workers and community workers from February-March; • Applications open via an 'expression of interest' form in April;

3.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April time online social media campaign to encourage applications; • Letters are also be sent to all Belfast schools; • Applications close in May and young people are invited to BYF taster sessions in City Hall; • Interviews take place in June and 40 young people will be awarded places. <p>Due to the impact of Covid-19 we were not in a position to actively engage with young people, schools, and service providers during this time. As we move in to the recovery phase and more opportunities for engagement are developing, it is essential that we continue the valuable work being conducted by the Youth Forum members and the existing partnerships.</p> <p>We are seeking approval to extend the current cohort of members' term for 1 year. This will enable us to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recruit and induct new members over a longer timeline incorporating a range of new methodologies that meet Covid-19 mitigation protocols. • continue the high standard research, lobbying, development and capacity building of the Youth Forum as a collective voice of young people in the city. <p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>All costs associated with the Youth Forum have been agreed in the budget setting process. This is subject to revision and Departmental priorities</p> <p><u>Human Resource Implications</u></p> <p>A dedicated Community Development Officer has been assigned to facilitate the Youth Forum</p>
3.13	<p><u>Equality Impact or Good Relations/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None.</p>



Subject:	Request to place a memorial bench in Shankill Cemetery
Date:	11 August 2020
Reporting Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Director of City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Valerie Brown, City 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 seek approval to install a memorial bench in Shankill Cemetery as a focal point for individuals and families who have experienced pregnancy and baby loss.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve the installation of the bench during Baby Loss Awareness Week in October.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> Mr Alfie McCrory, a Trustee of the Greater Shankill Community Council, has approached Belfast City Council seeking approval for the installation of a memorial bench in Shankill Cemetery during Baby Loss Awareness Week in October.

3.2	Baby Loss Awareness Week is held annually from 9 th -15 th October. A collaboration between more than 60 charities across the UK, Baby Loss Awareness Week aims to raise awareness about the key issues affecting those who have experienced pregnancy or baby loss.
3.3	Now in its 16th year, Baby Loss Awareness Week calls for tangible improvements in research, care and policy around bereavement support and highlights bereavement support and services available for anyone affected by the death of a baby at any stage.
3.4	The bench will be designed, fabricated and installed in a fitting location in the cemetery, to be agreed by the Open Space and Streetscene Manager for the area. The dimensions of the bench will be in line with our normal park benches and similar in construction to the benches in Woodvale Park and at the Memorial Garden in Shankill Cemetery. It will be a bespoke design representing parents holding a baby.
3.5	The total cost of the bench, fitting and installation will be paid for by members of the 1 st Shankill Golf Society and will be manufactured and fitted by Belfast Metalworks.
3.6	There are existing memorials for babies in both City and Roselawn Cemeteries.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.7	No financial or resource implications for BCC other than use of the space.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.8	There are no equality or good relations implications. There is no requirement for a rural needs assessment.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.



Subject:	Notice of Intention - Traffic Regulation Order 2020
Date:	11 August 2020
Reporting Officer:	Ryan Black, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Alison Allen, Neighbourhood 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	Members will be aware that Council made £700,000 available from the Capital Programme to install alleygates across the city (Phase 4 Alleygates).
1.2	Phase 4 had been divided into 3 sub-phases to accommodate the different stages of Elected Member decision making across the city as well as a range of technical and legal issues, primarily associated with the replacement of community gates. Phase 4(a) was completed in March 2018, Phase 4(b) was completed in October 2018 4(c) was completed in October 2019.
1.3	At the end of this current phase, Council were approached by the Public Health Agency, Department for Communities and Department of Justice to assist them with restricting access to challenging areas through the provision of gates, for which they will fund. At that

<p>1.4</p> <p>1.5</p> <p>1.6</p> <p>1.7</p>	<p>late stage it was not possible to include them within phase 4(c) and it was explained to those agencies their requests would take further time. Following the necessary legal consultation process, legal services are content that these additional gates can be advertised. The Notice of Intention is included for Members consideration.</p> <p>Members will also be aware that the legislative authority for introducing gating Orders transferred to local Councils through the commencement of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 on 4th May 2011.</p> <p>The 2011 Act inserts new Part 6A (Articles 69A to 69E) into the 1993 Order. These new provisions allow action to be taken quickly, easily and with a degree of flexibility not previously available. District councils are now able to make, vary or revoke gating orders in respect of relevant roads (as defined in Article 69A(5) of the 1993 Order) affected by crime or ASB within their area, permitting a gate to be installed at each end of the road. The orders are an effective way of enabling councils to restrict public access to any relevant road by gating it (at certain times of the day if applicable), without removing its underlying road status.</p> <p>Councils however still require the approval of the Department for Infrastructure to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) make a gating order; or b) vary a gating order so as to further restrict any public right of way over the road to which the order relates. <p>The required statutory and community consultation has been undertaken and the purpose of this report is to seek formal approval from Committee to advertise the Notice of Intention to enact the Traffic Regulation Order 2020.</p>
<p>2.0</p>	<p>Recommendations</p>
<p>2.1</p>	<p>The Committee is asked to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agree to proceed to advertisement of Belfast City Council Traffic Regulation Order 2020 Notice of Intention to be advertised as required by law.
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Main report</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p>The pre-consultation exercise with affected residents and Statutory bodies / service suppliers has been carried out and no objections were received</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Legal Services have recommended that alleygating can proceed at all locations, as Council can be satisfied the requirements of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environments Act (2011) have been met in establishing that this area is affected by crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>

3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All costs are being met by the Public Health Agency and Department of Justice as necessary. Additionally, those agencies have committed to making a one off revenue contribution to be held by Belfast City Council to cover expected levels of maintenance for these gates in the coming years.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications and Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>No implications have been identified, however, this is being monitored on an ongoing basis.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Notice of Intention Traffic Regulation Order 2020

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Notice of Traffic Regulation Order
Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011
Belfast City Council

Notice is hereby given that the Council in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 69A to 69E of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 as inserted in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 proposes to make an Order entitled the Belfast City Council Traffic Regulation (Belfast) Order 2020.

The purpose of the Order is to prohibit the use by vehicles and pedestrians of the following streets in Belfast:

- To the rear of Nos. 371 – 393 Shankill Road
- To the rear of Nos. 14 - 34 Botanic Avenue and to the side of No. 34 Botanic Avenue.
- To the rear of Nos. 7 – 35 Cromwell Road, Nos. 1 – 5 Wolseley Street, Nos. 2 – 24 Ireton Street, Nos. 62 – 84 Botanic Ave and to the sides of No. 7 Cromwell Road, No. 2 Ireton Street and No. 24 Ireton Street.

Objections or other representations may be made in writing to Gavin Bell, Belfast City Council, 4-10 Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8DP within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Full details are contained in the draft Order, which, together with a map showing the roads affected may be inspected free of charge during office hours within the said period at Cecil Ward Building reception, 4-10 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8DP. A draft of the Order will also be available for inspection in your local community centre.

Authorised Officer:

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2020

Pursuant to Part 1 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and Article 69 of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993; Belfast City Council hereby makes the following Order:

**BELFAST CITY COUNCIL TRAFFIC REGULATION (BELFAST)
ORDER 2020**

John Walsh
Town Solicitor
9 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8DP

Traffic Regulation Order
Road Traffic and Vehicles
Belfast City Council Traffic Regulation (Belfast) Order 2020

Made - - - - - 2020

Coming into Operation - - - - 2020

Belfast City Council is satisfied that the conditions for making a gating order as set out in Article 69A(3) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 and inserted in Part 1 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (hereinafter called “the Act”) have been met.

Article 69(3) states that before making a gating order in relation to a relevant road the district council must be satisfied that:

- a) Premises adjoining or adjacent to the road are affected by crime or anti-social behaviour;
- b) The existence of the road is facilitating the persistent commission of criminal offences or anti-social behaviour;
- c) It is in all the circumstances expedient to make the order for the purposes of reducing crime or anti-social behaviour.

The Council has published a Notice in compliance with Articles 69D(1) and (3), and has served copies of the Notice, Order and relevant maps on all parties the Council has deemed as having a relevant interest in compliance with Article 69D(2).

(Here will follow, where appropriate, recitals of the fact of any written objections or other representations received or inquiry held and the outcome thereof)

Now therefore, Belfast City Council in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 69 of the Act and every other power enabling it in that regard hereby makes the following Order:

- 1. There shall be at the date of coming into effect of this Order gates erected on the roads described in Schedule I hereto and shown on the maps annexed to this Order.
- 2. Subject to Article 69B the use by vehicles and pedestrians to the rear or side roads is prohibited.
- 3. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Order the owners of premises adjoining or adjacent to the road and all statutory undertakers as specified in Schedule II hereto shall have the right to retain and access the road.
- 4. Responsibility for maintaining the gates rests with Belfast City Council.
- 5. This Order shall be cited as the Belfast City Council Traffic Regulation (Belfast) Order 2020.
- 6. This Order comes into effect the day it was passed in Council.

Dated this

day of

2020

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BELFAST CITY COUNCIL in the presence of:)

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Schedule I

Affected Roads

- To the rear of Nos. 371 – 393 Shankill Road
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Schedule II

Exceptions

The prohibition in Article 2 shall not apply to:

- The occupiers of premises adjoining or adjacent to the road.
- A person visiting a resident or premises adjacent to or adjoining the road.
- A person for police, military, ambulance or fire brigade purposes or in an emergency by a medical practitioner.
- A person in pursuance of statutory powers or duties by or on behalf of a government department or district council.
- A person in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair of any electronic communications apparatus as defined in Schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984.
- A person in connection with street works as defined in Article 3(3) of the Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.
- A person for the conveyance of goods to or from premises adjacent to the road.
- A person in connection with the carrying out of work to premises adjacent to the back or side road.
- A person in connection with the discharge of the functions of a holder of a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.
- A person in connection with a funeral from the premises adjacent to the back or side road.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits the use by vehicles and pedestrians of the back street specified in the Schedule.

Provision is made for access, either by vehicle or on foot, for residents, their visitors, emergency services, or any person in pursuance of statutory powers and duties, in connection

with telecommunications, street works, gas or electric work, funerals, the carrying out of work at or the conveying of goods to or from premises adjacent to the roads.

Any person who acts in contravention of the Order shall be guilty of an offence under the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (“the Regulation Order”) and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1,000) in accordance with the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 as amended by the Regulation Order.

Traffic signs indicating the effect of the Order will in due course be erected on the roads.



Subject:	Horizon 2020 Upsurge Project
Date:	11 th August 2020
Reporting Officer:	Ryan Black, Director of Neighbourhood Services, City and Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Stephen Leonard, Neighbourhood Services Manager, City and Neighbourhood Services Richard McLernon, Project Co-Ordinator, Commissioner for Resilience.

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on a funding application which has been submitted to the EU Horizon 2020 fund and has successfully passed stage one of the application process. The project is called Upsurge and focuses on testing nature based solutions in EU cities, with the aim of sharing learning and good practice. A detailed application is being developed for submission in stage 2 by the University of Maribor, Slovenia, on behalf of a consortium of EU cities with, a final submission date of 3 rd September

	2020. The project, if successful, would commence in 2021 with a 48-month duration. Belfast has been included as one of a number of partner cities within the proposal.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the inclusion of Lower Botanic Gardens as the primary location for activity in the EU Horizon 2020 Upsurge project proposal, with an update to follow regarding the status of the application. • Authorise the project team to scan additional BCC sites with the aim of identifying satellite sites that could be incorporated into the project.
3.0	Main report
3.1	The specific Horizon 2020 call focuses on nature-based solutions. The proposal is that Belfast will test nature-based solutions developed in the city of Maribor, Slovenia, to assess if they can be implemented successfully in another city. It is proposed that Belfast will develop a site into a community garden and learning facility, where soil enhancement, food production and testing can be undertaken. Belfast City Council officers and Queens University of Belfast staff are working on the detail of the Belfast contribution and have identified a proposed primary site with the potential for linked satellite sites across the city and in the city centre.
3.2	The preferred primary site is Lower Botanic Gardens, in the area between QUB PEC car park, and Ridgeway Street, bounded by Stranmillis Embankment (see image attached). The site has been selected due to the following: size requirement (5,000m ²), proximity to partner assets (QUB), and proximity to a range of socio-economic stakeholders (QUB/UU students, minorities, Botanic Primary School, and neighbouring communities including Lower Ormeau, Ballynafeigh, and Holyland). The site facilitates vehicular access via Stranmillis Embankment and pedestrian access at Ridgeway Street. In addition, the site is in close proximity to BCC assets including the Bowling Pavilion and Botanic Gardens, with potential to utilise the project to enhance their use. Furthermore, this project is likely to support the ambitions of the local Friends of Botanic Gardens Group in developing this location.
3.3	The project will form a learning base with opportunities for digital testing of nature-based solutions, food production opportunities and educational programmes for schools, community, staff and university students.

3.4	While the focus is on the primary site at Botanic Gardens, we propose to examine the potential for satellite sites on BCC land across the city and in the city centre. This will support local community involvement in using nature-based solutions to improve local biodiversity, rewilding, and local food production.
3.5	The project aligns with the Belfast City Council aims of improving city and community resilience and aligns with the draft Belfast Resilience Strategy, emerging city and Council Climate Plans, Belfast Green and Blue Infrastructure Plan, Belfast Open Spaces Strategy, and Belfast Smart City goals.
3.6	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Upsurge project presents an opportunity to develop an underused area of land under Belfast City Council ownership, through a partnership with QUB, EU partners, and local community organisations. A project team has been established which includes Belfast City Council’s Resilience Unit, Innovation Unit, City and Neighbourhood Services, Planning, in addition to QUB representatives. The project, if successful, will act as a hub, with the potential to support rewilding, enhanced local food production, stimulation of local circular economy, and to develop community education programmes in relation to climate, digital innovation, and community resilience.</p>
3.7	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Up to 1 million euro of the project budget would be allocated to Belfast, subject to a successful application, from an overall project budget of up to 30 million euro. The funding would cover 100% project costs and overheads for project infrastructure, revenue and project management. No match funding is required. The project team will form a steering group to oversee, monitor and update on progress.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Aerial photo of proposed primary site.

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Preferred Primary Site

Lower Botanic Gardens, in the area between QUB PEC car park, and Ridgeway Street, bounded by Stranmillis Embankment



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Subject:	Healthy Places – ‘All the Colours’ initiative
Date:	11 th August 2020
Reporting Officer:	Ryan Black, Director Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Kelly Gilliland, Neighbourhood Services Manager

Restricted Reports	
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sometime 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	<p>To bring members up to speed on the ‘All the Colours’ lamppost wrapping initiative that has been developed as a result of the work of the Healthy Places project led by Public Health Agency focussed on North Belfast. As outlined within the body of the report both Government departments and local community organisations and residents have been involved in developing the project, however in order for it to progress the Department for Infrastructure have requested that Council must request permission/licence as a ‘competent authority’. Thus, PHA has approached us for our support in taking this forward.</p>
1.2	<p>Council officers have since followed up with DfI for clarity who have explained their rationale as; ‘in order to ensure any artwork on the Department’s property has the full support of the</p>

1.3	<p>local community, the only organisations we will consider granting permission to attach any materials to our property are local councils. In this way we are able to ensure that local councillors, who are the best contacts within local communities to manage any concerns from residents who may object to the materials, are involved.’</p> <p>Legal services have advised that whilst we can indicate our support for the project overall that Council shouldn’t take on the role of ‘competent authority’ as requested by Dfl given that we have no function or responsibility in relation to lampposts – they are the property of, and are maintained by the Department.</p>
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the content of this report by way of update. • Discuss and decide whether they are supportive of the project. • Consider Council support for the project and, if so, request Council officers to go back to relevant partners (namely Dfl, PHA and USI) informing them that Council is supportive of the project but cannot act as the competent authority (as requested by Dfl) given that we are not responsible for street lampposts.
3.0	Background
3.1	<p>Bright Ideas is a programme developed through community engagement as part of the Healthy Places Project within the Ardoyne and Ballysillan areas of North Belfast. Healthy Places is a place based approach which aims to improve health, reduce inequalities and improved wellbeing and wider social outcomes (led by Public Health Agency, BCC is a partner in the initiative).</p> <p>Despite being surrounded by large green spaces such as Clarendon Park and with great views of the surrounding hills, communities such as Ardoyne and Ballysillan often complain of a lack of access to green spaces. Whilst considerable investment has gone into improving active travel networks and development of parks, there remains a number of invisible barriers that prevent certain communities from feeling they belong in green spaces. There is an abundance of evidence to suggest that regular use of green spaces improves physical fitness and reduces depression, enhancing the health and wellbeing of people living and working in cities. Having more accessible, shared green spaces could also help to address anti-social behaviour by providing a space for diversionary activities.</p>

To address this issue Public Health Agency have been working with local communities through Urban Scale Interventions to improve and promote the use of green spaces and engage communities within the Ardoyne and Ballysillan areas to come up with innovative and creative solutions to local issues.

Under the banner of 'Bright Ideas North Belfast' a series of community conversations, workshops and public events have taken place. These have helped to identify issues in the local area and develop possible solutions.

One of the key recurring themes was the need to brighten up the streets with colourful messaging and artwork as part of a place based approach to improving public spaces in North Belfast.

3.2 All the Colours initiative (lamppost wrapping)

A number of interventions have been co-designed with local community groups and residents, including a 'Bright Ideas Bird Box' for people to personalise and put up in their gardens to brighten them up and connect to nature, as well as an intergenerational shared meals programme. An additional project aims to bring colour to the streets by wrapping lampposts with artwork created by local illustrators and artists focused on the positive stories and themes that have been developed by the communities themselves as part of the project.

3.3 Implementation plan

1. USI have delivered 200 engagement kits through the collaboration of local representatives in order to be able to collect positive stories and ideas around the project themes.
2. 'Usfolk' will illustrate the engagement by citizens of the area into three themed artworks which will be used as lamp post wrappings (designs will be taken back to participants to approve for feedback)
3. **Technical approval in principle by DFI has been approved providing the project is approved by Belfast City Council and their relevant procedures.**

Subject to:

1. Full access to panels
2. Markings easily identifiable

3. Specifications, Rams and insurances provided
4. Content signed off (no commercial promotion in media)
4. The project will be installed for implementation (September 2020 - Date TBC subject to approvals)
5. Budget has been set aside for the removal of graphics if required however the materials used have a seven year life expectancy and are graded for outdoor application.

3.4 Locations

Approximately 60 lampposts are have been identified on streets across North Belfast, with a particular focus on Ardoyne and Ballysillan wards. Community groups have helped to create the idea and community leaders are supportive of the programme delivery. More than 30 community groups have been involved in the bright ideas process, with 250 online and offline conversations covering an inclusive age range (7 to 80 years old).

3.5 Art work

The artwork has been created by local Belfast illustrators 'UsFolk' focusing on themes of inclusion, intergenerational exchange and green space. Their previous artwork has been used on a range of public realm infrastructure including service boxes and telephone boxes – design proofs are included in the appendix section of this report.

Estimated date of installation: week commencing 14th September 2020 (covering 100 lampposts).

No road closures will be required as part of installation and all relevant insurances are in place.

Installer to ensure no interruption of access to lamp post cover, no markings will be wrapped. Material meets external environment standards, with a product lifespan of at least 7 years. The durability of material reduces anti-social behaviour, the product is removed professionally which reduces vandalism and requires no-maintenance.

3.6 Part of a wider approach

The lampposts will form a key part of a wider implementation to deliver the intervention in North Belfast which will include the material being applied to other city infrastructure objects we see in the area subject to additional approvals.

The approach is being seen as highly innovative and opportunities are arising in which lampposts could be reimagined in the City Centre (subject to approvals) as part of the COVID recovery process to support wayfinding, crowd flow and storytelling opportunities with Belfast City Council.

3.7 Outputs

Studies have shown that improving aesthetics of an area and adding colour to neighbourhoods can increase overall community wellbeing, demonstrate a sense of value to residents and reduce antisocial behaviour and crime. In a time of pandemic this project offers an opportunity to provide local responses in line with NI COVID regulations to improve the places we live, work and play.

The project has already been applying such methods through the use of pop ups with citizens and organisations.

This is a truly co-designed project with local community groups and provides the opportunity to increase community cohesion and public value through a simple action that can have significant neighbourhood benefits. Public perception research will be carried out before and after to show the value such a simple action can have in improving neighbourhood feel.

3.8 Key Departments involved in developing the project (project board reps)

- Public Health Agency
- Department of Justice
- Department of Health
- Department for Communities
- Department for Infrastructure
- PSNI Neighbourhood Policing team North & West Belfast

3.9 Community groups consulted in the project and in co-design as part of bright ideas North Belfast

- Artsekta
- Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership
- Ardoyne Youth Enterprise

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ardoyne Youth Club ● Ashton Centre ● Ballysillan Primary School ● Bradley Manor Care Home ● Carezone ● Flax Trust Arts ● Belfast Healthy Cities ● Little explorers - Ardoyne Community Centre ● NBWISP - North Belfast Women's Initiative & Support Project ● North Belfast Friendship Club ● North Belfast Health Forum ● North Belfast Men's shed ● Our Lady of Mercy Primary School ● R City Belfast ● ROC - Redeem Our Community ● Twaddell and Woodvale Resident Association ● Urban Villages Initiative (supported the project) ● Women's tech ● YEHA <p><u>Financial & resource implications</u></p> <p>3.10 There are additional financial or resource implications contained within this report. Funding is in place (via PHA) to cover both implementation and de-installation costs.</p> <p><u>Equality or good relations implications/rural needs assessment</u></p> <p>3.11 There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained within this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Final Artwork Designs.

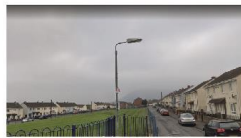
Final Artwork Designs

USI delivered 300 engagement kits to children in the area during June and July 2020. From the stories and drawings completed and via engagement with the children and local representatives Usfolk then illustrated the kids aspirations. The prompts were around community, natural elements and the importance of contribution to make the neighbourhood more vibrant.

The three sample tiles below show the designs which will be implemented, with the fourth outlining how they will look wrapped on the lampposts.



Fig: Streets and lampposts identified for implementation



SILVERSTREAM TERRACE



BILSTON RD



BALLYSILLAN PARK



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More information on the project can be found at <https://brightideasbelfast.com/>