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7th October, 2022

MEETING OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will be a hybrid meeting in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, 11th October, 2022 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. Routine Matters

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

2. Restricted

- (a) Pitch Partner Agreement Alderman Tommy Patton memorial Park (Pages 1 4)
- (b) Community Asset Management Framework Pilot Community Benefit Sites (Pages 5 14)

3. Matters referred back from the Council/Motions

(a) Notice of Motion: Support for Parents (Pages 15 - 16)

4. Committee/Strategic Issues

- (a) Community Provision Funding- Capacity Building Grant and Revenue Grant for Community Buildings 2023-2026 Update (Pages 17 20)
- (b) Update on operational review and refresh of the 'Responsible Dog Ownership Campaign' (Pages 21 26)
- (c) Belfast Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy (Pages 27 32)
- (d) Correspondence from Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Mr Edwin Poots, MLA, re Clean Air Strategy (Pages 33 36)
- (e) Correspondence from Minister of Finance, Mr Conor Murphy MLA, re Shared Prosperity Fund (Pages 37 42)
- (f) Correspondence from Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council re Blaris Cemetery Fees and Response from DfC re review of burial ground regulations in relation to fees (Pages 43 - 50)
- (g) Belfast Healthy Cities BCC representation at annual conference (Copenhagen) and BHC/BCC engagement proposal (Pages 51 54)

5. **Operational Issues**

(a) Proposal for naming new streets (Pages 55 - 56)

6. <u>Issues Raised in Advance by Members</u>

(a) Fuel Poverty Hardship Fund - Councillor Flynn to raise

Agenda Item 2a

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Agenda Item 2b

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Agenda Item 3a





Subjec	ct:	Notice of Motion: Support for Parents				
Date:		11th October, 2022				
Repor	ting Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer				
Contac	ct Officer:	Sara Steele, Democratic Services Officer				
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1.0	Purpose of Repor	t or Summary of main Issues				
1.1	To consider a motion	on in relation to Support for Parents, which was	referre	d to the	Com	mittee
	by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 27th September.					
2.0	Recommendations					
2.1	The Committee is a	asked to:				
	Consider the motion and, if the proposal is agreed, to agree that a report on how the control of the contr			ow this		
		cilitated, resourced and managed will be broug		-		

3.0	Main report
3.1	Key Issues At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 27th September, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Michelle Kelly and seconded by Councillor Smyth, was referred to the Committee for consideration:
3.2	"To support parents, the Council commits to providing a list of existing initiatives which it delivers, with a view to working with the voluntary and community sector, as well as other partners, to explore if such initiatives may be improved, as well as seeking to bring forward new programmes during the cost-of-living crisis. The Council also commits to seeking parents' views on any further support it will provide to families to ensure that parent voice is a significant factor in the design and implementation of new initiatives that will help tackle the cost-of-living crisis for parents."
	Financial and Resource Implications
3.3	None.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
3.4	This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.

Agenda Item 4a



PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Subj	oct:	Community Provision Funding- Capacity Building Grant and Revenue Grant for Community Buildings 2023-2026 Update			
Subj	5 Cl.	Grant for Community Buildings 2023-2020 Opuate			
Date	:	Tuesday 11 October 2022			
Repo	orting Officer:	David Sales, Director Neighbourhood Services, CNS			
•		Kelly Gilliland, Neighbourhood Services Manager, CNS			
Cont	act Officer:	Margaret Higgins, Lead Officer – Community Provision, CNS			
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	Provide membe	rs with an update on the Capacity Building Grant and Revenue Grant for			
	Community Build	lings,			
	Advise members	of timescale and available budgets for micro/medium small grants in 23/24.			
2.0	Recommendations				
2.1	The committee is asked	to:			
	. note the numbe	r of applications received and the total funding requested for the Capacity			
	Building Grant and Revenue Grant for Community Buildings as opposed to total budge				
	available.				
	. note the limited	oudget available for micro/medium small grants in 23/24 and the impact this			
	might have in re	ation to what can be funded next financial year.			

3.0	Main report
	Capacity Building Grant and Revenue Grant for Community Buildings
3.1	Members will recall that at April Committee they approved the implementation of the large grant funding provided through Community Provision for activity from April 2023 – March 2026. The two funding streams are:
	Capacity Building Grant
3.2	Designed to support community development organisations, that:
0.2	 support other lower capacity or smaller organisations to ensure good practice in governance,
	application of appropriate policies and financial management,
	 advocate the interests of the communities they serve, and
	 ensure communities can be engaged to influence or take decisions/ action about issues that
	matter to them and affect their lives.
	Revenue Grants for Community Buildings
3.3	Designed to support organisations which address the needs of their community by delivering a broad-
	base programme from their building. The building may be used by a geographic based community,
	or the community may be a community of interest with members from across the whole city.
	These grants contribute to the running costs of community buildings in recognition that the community
	development activity inside allows communities to be engaged to:
	Influence or take decisions about issues that matter to them and affect their lives,
	Define needs, issues and solutions for their community, and The street of the st
	Take action to help themselves and make a difference.
3.4	The application process for these grants opened on the 30 June 2022 for ten weeks and closed on 9
	September 2022. A series of information sessions were held – three on-line via Teams, and two in
	person at City Hall. A total of 94 organisations attended the sessions.
3.5	There has been a good spread of applications from across the different areas of the city and
	applications have also been received from organisations representing communities of interest. At the
	close of the process Council has received the following level of applications:
	43 applications for the Capacity Building Grant, with total funding requests of:
	 £1,852,912.29 in year 1- 2023/24
	o £1,850,103.46 in year 2- 2024/25
	o £1,871,638.39 in year 3- 2025/26

- 89 applications for the Revenue Grant for Community Buildings, with total funding requests of:
 - o £1,701,309.74 in year 1- 2023/24
 - o £1,737,147.73 in year 2- 2024/25
 - o £1,775,446.36 in year 3- 2025/26
- 3.6 These requests are in excess of the available budget for both funding programmes. Officers will score applications and provide a further report on the outcome of that process in December 22. In order to support quality applications a quality threshold will be applied in line with other funding programmes and options on allocations will be included in the P&C Committee December paper.

Micro/Medium small grants 23/24

- 3.7 Applications for a range of council small grants, including micro/medium small grants, will be advertised in Autumn 22 for delivery from April September 23, through the online funding platform. Members may recall that in 22/23 a significant allocation of £631,360 was taken from the Covid reserve to create a larger budget for micro/medium grants.
- 3.8 In 23/24 the budget will return to normal levels. This funding budget was previously used to support summer scheme programmes which are a priority for council. Guidance for applicants to the micro/medium grant programme will advise that given budget challenges summer scheme programmes may be prioritized over other activity. In the interim, officers are seeking additional funds in order to be able to enhance the micro/medium grant budget through both internal and external mechanisms.

Financial Implications

3.9 Micro/Medium

Currently the projected 23/24 funding available for the micro/medium grants scheme equates to £201,000. Historically, there was an allocation of £170,000 for summer scheme delivery which therefore only leaves £31,000 available for groups to apply for under the broader micro/medium criteria options (NB micro grants are up to £1,500 and medium up to £5,000). The level ringfenced for summer schemes will depend on the number of applications received but members should note the impact on available budgets for broader programmes.

3.10 Capacity & Revenue

Members will be aware that in addition to Council funding a portion of the Department for Communities (DfC) Community Support Programme budget is allocated to provide funding for the Capacity and Revenue grant streams. For 23/24, this allocation is as below:

Grant	CSP funding (DfC)	BCC	Total	
Capacity	£436,028	£399,796	£835,824	
Revenue	£298,329	£757,967	£1,056,296	
Offer for 22/23 at 24/25 and 25/26 period, however,	rogrammes are both awarded on a 23/24 but officers do not ha . Awards will be made based o members should note that any ling in 24/25 or 25/26 could req	ve confirmation than the notional availy reduction in the le	at DfC funding will remain as able budget for the 3-year to evel of Community Support	s is for
	od Relations Implications and been identified at present. A			out an

4.0

None

Appendices – Documents Attached

Agenda Item 4b



PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Update on operational review and refresh of the 'Responsible Dog

Sub	ject:	Ownership Campaign'				
Date	ə:	11 October 2022				
Rep	orting Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Director of City Services				
Con	tact Officer:	Helen Morrissey, City Protection Manager				
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1.0	Purpose of Report	or Summary of main Issues				
1.1	an operational reviev	of the People and Communities Committee with and refresh of the 'Responsible Dog Ownership e work already undertaken and of activities that	Camp	oaign'.	This ı	eport
2.0	Recommendation					
2.1	The Committee is as Note the con	ked to: tents of the report.				

3.0	Main report
3.1	In February 2022 it was moved by Councillor Garrett, seconded by Councillor Verner and unanimously agreed that an operational review and refresh of the 'Responsible Dog Ownership Campaign' be undertaken by officers that, along with other areas that might be identified, should include Education, Enforcement and Cleansing, with the findings to be submitted in due course to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.
	Marketing and Communications Update
3.2	There are 3 key strands within responsible dog ownership that are the focus of our new Marketing & Communications Campaign for Responsible Dog Ownership for 2022/2023: Education, Enforcement and Cleansing.
3.3	Education – Our messaging has been reviewed and the new imagery is more visual and impactful.
	Enforcement – We have reviewed our reporting mechanisms and messaging and are encouraging reporting. We are working closely with Elected Members, colleagues in Parks, colleagues who monitor social media and the public to target fouling hotspot areas. Cleansing – We are working more closely with colleagues in OSS to ensure Dog Wardens are aware of hotspot areas and that they are cleaned promptly.
3.4	We want to encourage reporting of dog fouling, ensuring that our message is clear and mechanisms are in place both online and offline. Operationally we need to stand over what we are communicating to ensure the user journey is seamless.
3.5	Whilst we recognise that the enforcement message is an important one the message needs to be more than the fine. We want the message and the advertising creative to appeal to their "better self".
3.6	The overarching campaign message is #YourdogYourJob . This message allows us to support communication across the key areas of education, enforcement and cleansing in all our marketing and communication channels in a consistent way.
3.7	We benchmarked by looking at what other councils in NI, ROI and further afield do in relation to dog fouling.

- 3.8 The activity will include -
 - A fully integrated advertising activity that will run for 3 weeks from 10 October 2022 to coincide with the darker evenings.
 - Tactical outdoor advertising on buses and adshels that will target known hotspot areas and main arterial routes. (See examples of artwork in 4.0)
 - Radio and online activity.
 - Paid for social media.
- 3.9 There will be supporting communications to coincide with the advertising (outdoor/radio/digital) and to support all year round communications around the campaign **#YourdogYourjob** for example:
 - Press release and PR pictures
 - Social media This will also give us the opportunity to capture live feedback
 - Website We will ensure our website content is up to date and the 'back office' side of the operation is in place to support the campaigns call to action
 - City Matters We plan placement of editorials around the campaign

Evaluation of the Campaign

3.10 We will evaluate the campaign by obtaining statistics of the number of clicks, plays etc.; determining how many people have viewed the posters; assessment of public awareness of the campaign messages and assessing the cleanliness of hotspot area streets before and after the campaign.

Outreach Update

3.11 | Engagement with Schools

Our Environmental Education and Outreach Team (formerly CAT) will be running a Billboard Challenge for Schools in January 2023. We will visit schools to educate pupils and then invite them to take part in a competition to design a billboard. In each school, the winning design will appear on a billboard close to the school.

3.12 | Stencilling in our Parks

Our Environmental Education and Outreach Team have provided stencils to OSS colleagues in several parks.

Operational Update

3.13 | Proactive Fouling Patrols

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic the Council was only operating critical services and our pro-active dog fouling patrols were therefore temporarily suspended. These were reintroduced as the pandemic restrictions eased and regular programmed proactive patrols are taking place across the city. Our Dog Wardens interact with dog owners and the general public and continue to receive positive feedback. Patrol locations are adapted to take account of current hotspot areas.

3.14 At the meeting on 8 February 2022 Members asked for consideration of a Dog Warden Team in each quarter of the city. We have 12 Dog Wardens and 2 Supervisors. They work 12 hours shifts (8 am to 8 pm) 7 days a week. There are four teams with 3 Dog Wardens in each and on any shift there are always two teams working. We have the city split into 2 areas North / South and East / West. Two of the teams always work in N/S and the other two teams always work in E/W. From an operational point of view this allows the Dog Wardens to get to know the areas but gives us more flexibility to cover leave and absence than we could achieve with

Finance and Resource Implications

individual teams in separate areas.

The advertising campaign costs have been absorbed within the marketing and communications business as usual budget.

3.16 Asset and Other Implications

None

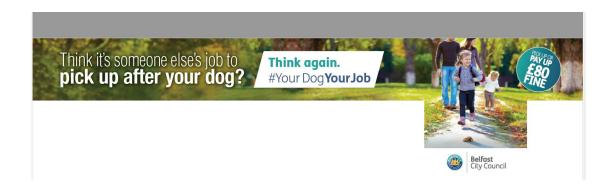
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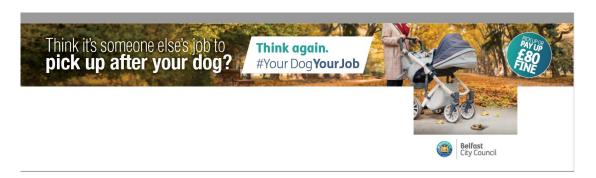
3.17 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

None.

4.0 Appendices – Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Advertising artwork examples















Agenda Item 4c

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



Subject:		Belfast Physical Activity & Sports Development Strategy			
Date:		11 October 2022			
Reno	rting Officer:	David Sales Director of Neighbourhood Service	ıs.		
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1.0	Purpose of Report	or Summary of main Issues			
1.1	•	ers with an update on development of a Belf	fast City Council	Sports	
	-	Development and Physical Activity Strategy (The Strategy).			
	•	provide a revised timeline for development and completion of the Strategy.			
2.0	Recommendations				
2.1	The Committee is a	sked to:			
	 Note progress to date and to agree to the new proposed timetable for the development 			pment	
	of the Strategy.				
3.0	Main report				
	Key Issues			_	
3.1	It was agreed by the	e Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at it	ts meeting on 5th		
	January 2018 that a	a Belfast City Council Sports Development Strate	gy and associated	work	

plan would be developed. This Strategy was to provide a framework for future decision making. At that time the committee agreed this would, among other things, steer future decisions on directly supporting National Governing Bodies of Sport to deliver programmes in Belfast which enhance sporting opportunities for Belfast's sporting organisations and individuals.

- 3.2 People and Communities Committee of 5th June 2018 agreed a proposed Terms of Reference and proposed timeline. Since that date the Departmental Change Programme has prompted consideration of wider opportunities to clarify and align the links between sports development and Council's strategic funding and programming decisions in the areas of asset development, health improvement and community development.
- 3.3 At the People and Communities meeting of 10 November 2020, it was further agreed that the Terms of Reference be extended to include the following:
 - In line with the Belfast Agenda the outcomes are extended to 2035
 - Physical activity programming is considered as part of the pathway into organised sport
 - Considered and aligned with our Leisure Transformation Programme.
 - Identification of alternative sources of financing/partner opportunities.
 - Facility/asset utilisation and management is maximised through collaborative partnership approaches
 - Facility/asset planning and development is considered taking account of local, citywide and regional need.
 - Sport's contribution to improvement of whole health is considered in the context of partnership working through the work of the Belfast Community Planning Partnership and associated Boards – particularly the Living Here Board
 - Sport's contribution to community development is considered in the context of City & Neighbourhood's Departmental approach to area working and neighbourhood regeneration
 - The strategy 'working title' to be "Belfast Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy
- 3.4 The aim of the Strategy is to review Council's current physical activity and sports development systems and operations, and subsequently develop a Strategy that identifies, nurtures and develops opportunities for improving health through participation in physical activity and sport.

- 3.5 The purpose of the development of the strategy is to provide a clear statement of the Council's Physical Activity and Sports Development aims, objectives and priorities for the future. It will demonstrate how Council plans to enable and deliver a range of physical activity and sports development activities to specific groups, to meet the overall objectives outlined in the Belfast Agenda.
- 3.6 The Strategy will have two primary themes plus two associated themes and will support two existing themes.

THEME	POTENTIAL INCLUSIONS
Sport Development	Traditional SD continuum
Primary 1	Sustainability and support exit strategy
	Priority sports?
	Programme support grant funding
	Athlete support grant funding
	Support programme delivery (Capacity development).
Physical Activity	Health related activity promotion
Primary 2	Community programme support (non-financial)
	Community programme grant funding
	Coach/leader provision
	PARS including HealthWise, Cardiac, Cancer, etc.
	Pathways to citywide programmes, clubs and NGBs.
	Sustainability and support exit strategy
	Linking to broader utilisation (pathways) to maximise the
	impact of existing leisure centre and community centre
	programmes
Facility/Asset Planning	Mapping existing facility provision
Associated 1	Future sports facility development planning
	Footprint and facility mix
	Location and community coverage
	Citywide analysis to avoid duplication (Area Planning)
	Demand analysis, business case and sustainability
	Ownership and management
	Cross agency collaboration
Facility/Asset Access	Cross agency collaboration
and Utilisation	Programming priorities and booking systems
Associated 2	BCC/GLL facility programming allocations and funding

	Community asset transfers and associated possibilities
	Citywide analysis to avoid duplication (Area Planning)
	Facilities Management Agreements
	Partner Agreements and other contracts which are in
	existence and which could be implemented to support the
	direction of the strategy eg. leases
Health Promotion	Physical activity promotions
(Supported existing	Obesity and nutritional health
theme rather than	Alcohol and substance abuse interventions
included in strategic	PHA and BHDU programme support
document)	Mental health intervention support
	Sustainability and support exit strategy
	Access to expert advisory group support
Community Engagement	Developing capacity
and Neighbourhood	Developing local ownership and autonomy
Development	Sport and physical activity programme support
(Supported existing	Theme/pathway alignment
theme rather than	Programme grant funding
included in strategic	Capital grant funding
document)	Citywide programme and capital development analysis to
	avoid duplication
	Sustainability and support exit strategies
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As part of the process, it is anticipated that a mapping exercise will be carried out across the Council area. This exercise will be identifying current provision, instances of duplication and opportunities for partnership investment and partnership delivery in physical activity and sport.

Due to Covid the development of this strategy was delayed. However, in July 2022, following a quotation exercise, Strategic Leisure Limited was appointed to support council in the production of the Strategy.

3.9 Since the appointment of Strategic Leisure Council officers have been working directly with them providing relevant background and stakeholder mapping. On the 27 September 2022 a delivery board meeting was held followed by a series of meetings involving a range of specialist Council Officers, key delivery partners and stakeholders.

Proposed Draft Timeline Subject to committee's approval

3.10 While ambitious, officers are working to the following timeline for presentation of the draft strategy to committee. Consultation will be a key element of the development of the Strategy including consultation and engagement with elected members.

Background review of documentation	September 2022 - (Completed)
policies and strategies	
Establish Board and structures for	September 2022 - October 2022
developing strategy	
Initial face to face consultation with key	September 2022 - October 2022
stakeholders and schools	
Review and Mapping	September 2022 - October 2022
Focus groups established and face to face	October 2022 - December 2022
meetings to take place	
Wider public consultation to take place	October 2022 - December 2022
online using "Your Say Belfast"	
Analysis of key issues identified with a	November 2022 - December 2022
focus on internal consultation and external	
feedback	
Draft Strategy produced and presented to	December 2022 - January 2023
elected members	
Review of draft strategy with focus groups	January 2023 - March 2023
and through both internal and external	
consultation	
Final Document to be completed and	April 2023 - May 2023
presented to elected members	
Strategy Launch	June 2023

Financial Implications

3.11

Cost associated with the development of the new strategy and engagement of external partners will be met within existing departmental resources. Members are advised that no capital finance is in place to support the sports development strategy at this stage. This will need to be considered as the strategy is developed and related needs become clearer.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

3.12 The draft strategy will be equality screened in line with the Council's agreed process.

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

Agenda Item 4d

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



		Correspondence from Minister of Agriculture,	Enviro	nment	and F	Rural
Subjec	ct:	Affairs, Mr Edwin Poots, MLA, re Clean Air S	trategy			
Date:		11th October, 2022				
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Repor	ting Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Director of City Services				
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1.0	Purpose of Repor	t or Summary of main Issues				
1.1	To note the correspondence received from the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural					
	Affairs re Clean Air	Strategy.				
2.0	Recommendation	s				
2.1	The Committee is a	The Committee is asked to:				
	Note the co	rrespondence as set out in the report.				

Main report
Key Issues
The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 9th August, 2022, it agreed to write to the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to seek an update on the overall position on development of Northern Ireland's first Clean Air Strategy.
In his response the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs reported that work continues to progress well in the development of the Clean Air Strategy and his Department has published the synopsis of consultation responses to the Clean Air Strategy Discussion Document in June 2022. A copy of this is available to view on their website https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/clean_air_strategy_discussion_document
He advised that in most recent months a Clean Air Strategy Inter Departmental Steering Group had been established comprising of officials from DAERA, Department for Infrastructure, Department for the Economy and the Department for Health. He recognised that other Departments and stakeholders may need to be involved depending on the final agreed scope of the strategy however, the group will in the interim continue to meet regularly over the coming months to agree input to the overall Clean Air Strategy.
A public consultation on the draft Northern Ireland Clean Air Strategy is planned for the end of December 2022 with results and progression ratified by the Northern Ireland Executive.
Financial and Resource Implications
None associated with this report.
Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
None associated with this report.
Appendices – Documents Attached
Appendix 1 - Response from Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

From the Office of the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs



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Your Ref: SS. P&C – 09.08.2022 Our Ref: CORR-2210-2022 Date: 28 September 2022

Dear Mrs Steele

CLEAN AIR STRATEGY

Thank you for your letter dated 20 September 2022, advising that a meeting of the People and Communities Committee, was held on 09 August at which the Committee agreed to contact me to seek an update on the overall position on development of Northern Ireland's first Clean Air Strategy.

Work continues to progress well in the development of the Clean Air Strategy and my Department published the synopsis of consultation responses to the Clean Air Strategy Discussion Document in June 2022. A copy of this is available to view on our website at: https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/clean_air_strategy_discussion_document.

In most recent months a Clean Air Strategy Inter Departmental Steering Group has been established comprising of officials from DAERA, Department for Infrastructure, Department for the Economy and the Department of Health. I recognise other Departments and stakeholders may need to be involved depending on the final agreed scope of the strategy however, the group will in the interim continue to meet regularly over the coming months to agree input to the overall Clean Air Strategy.

A public consultation on the draft Northern Ireland Clean Air Strategy is planned for the end of December 2022 with results and progression ratified by the Northern Ireland Executive.

Yours sincerely

EDWIN POOTS MLA

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Sustainability at the heart of a living, working, active landscape valued by everyone.





Agenda Item 4e

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



0.1.		Response from M	inister of Finance, N	Mr Conor Murp	hy MLA, re	Shared
Subjec	et:	Prosperity Fund				
Date:		11th October, 202	22			
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1.1	To note the corre	spondence receive	ed from Minister of	f Finance reg	arding the	Shared
	Prosperity Fund.					
2.0	Recommendation	s				
2.1	The Committee is asked to					
	Note the correspondence as set out in the report.					
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3.0	Main report
	Key Issues
3.1	The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 13th September, 2022, it had considered a report in regard to Community Funding. The Committee agreed that a letter be forwarded to the Communities, Economy and Finance Ministers seeking them to engage with the British Government as a matter of urgency to release details around the Shared Prosperity Fund, how it would work and to establish whether the available funding would be an adequate substitute for the European Social Fund.
3.2	Subsequently, the Committee had written to the Ministers. As the Minister of Finance leads on this area of work on behalf of the Northern Ireland Executive he had replied directly on behalf of all the Ministers.
3.3	In the correspondence the Finance Minister noted that the SPF was a regular topic for discussion in his engagement with British and Devolved Government Ministers. He stated that he continued to raise his concerns with SPF and to seek clarity and information on this fund directly with British Ministers.
3.4	The Minister outlined that the North's allocation from the Shared Prosperity Fund was just under £127m over three years £19m in year one, £33m in year two and £74m in year three. Under the 2014-2020 EU Multi-Annual Financial Framework an average of £64m per year had been received from equivalent EU funds generating a minimum loss of close to £65m over the three-year period before factoring in inflation.
3.5	He continued that this significantly lower level of funding lacked any flexibility and was not being provided to the Assembly or Executive to support those activities previously funded through the European Social Fund (ESF) but would be delivered directly by Whitehall risking a significantly reduced impact.
3.6	He advised that the DLUHC had established a Partnership Group, which included a representative from Belfast City Council, for the development of a local investment plan for the SPF. He stated that the Executive Departments had been unable to participate in these structures as no decision-making role had been provided for the Executive and Assembly.

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached			
3.9	None associated with this report.			
	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment			
3.8	None associated with this report.			
	Financial and Resource Implications			
	to try to find a path that would maximise the benefit for citizens here.			
	previously benefited from EU Funding to British Ministers. He stated that he had also instructed his officials to continue to engage with the DLUHC to seek detail on this fund and			
	to continue to seek information on the SPF and to represent the concerns of those who had			
3.7	He concluded by advising that he would not stand in the way of funding flowing and undertook			





From the Minister of Finance

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 Your reference:
 SS. P&C - 09.08.2022

 Our reference:
 CORR-2163--2022

 Date:
 27 September 2022

Dear Sara

RE: SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

Thank you for your letter of 20th September 2022 sent on behalf of the People and Communities Committee regarding the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF). I understand you have also written to the Ministers for Communities and the Economy. As my department leads on this area of work on behalf of the NI Executive they have asked that I respond directly.

SPF is a regular topic for discussion in my engagement with British and Devolved Government Ministers. I have raised and I continue to raise my concerns with SPF and I continue to seek clarity and information on this fund directly with British Ministers.

The North's allocation from the Shared Prosperity Fund will be just under £127m over three years £19m in year one, £33m in year two and £74m in year three. Under the 2014-2020 EU Multi-Annual Financial Framework we received an average of £64m per year from equivalent EU funds generating a minimum loss of close to £65m over the three year period before factoring in inflation.

This significantly lower level of funding lacks any flexibility and is not being provided to the Assembly or Executive to support those activities previously funded through the European Social Fund (ESF) but will be delivered directly by Whitehall risking a significantly reduced impact.

As you may already know, DLUHC have established a Partnership Group, which includes a representative from Belfast City Council, for the development of a local investment plan for the SPF. Executive Departments have been unable to participate in these structures as no decision making role has been provided for the Executive

and Assembly, there is a lack of detail on accountability and governance structures and it has not be subjected to screening under our equalities legislation.

However, I will not stand in the way of funding flowing here. I will continue to seek information on the SPF and to represent the concerns of those who previously benefited from EU Funding to British Ministers. I have also instructed my officials to continue to engage with DLUHC to seek detail on this fund and to try to find a path that maximises the benefit for citizens here.

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CONOR MURPHY MLA MINISTER OF FINANCE

Agenda Item 4f

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE



Cubicat		Correspondence from Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council re Blaris Cemetery Fees and Response from DfC re review of burial ground			
Subjec	t:	regulations in relation to fees			
Date:	Date: 11th October, 2022				
Report	eporting Officer: Siobhan Toland, Director of City Services				
Contac	ct Officer:	Seamus McBride, City Protection Manager			
Restric	ted Reports				
Is this	report restricted?		Yes	No	X
If	Yes, when will the	report become unrestricted?			
	After Committee Decision				
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	Some time in the future				
	Never				
Call-in					
Is the c	lecision eligible for	Call-in?	Yes	X No	
1.0	Purpose of Repor	t or Summary of main Issues			
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1.1		condence received from Lisburn and Castlered			
	Cemetery Fees and Department for Communities re review of burial ground regulations in				
	relation to fees.				
2.0	Recommendation	S			
2.1	The Committee is a	sked to			
	Note the co	rrespondence as set out in the report.			
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3.0	Main report
	Key Issues
3.1	The Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 9th August, 2022, the Committee agreed to write to Lisburn and Castlereagh (LCCC) to seek a review of non-residential fees for the reopening of graves in Blaris Cemetery for Collin Residents and also to write to the Department for Communities to establish if there was was any plans to review the Burial Ground Regulations in relation to fees for burials and to ascertain if the Department had any plans to work with Councils to ensure that residents were not faced with disproportionate charges during a bereavement.
3.2	The Committee was referred to responses that had been received from LCCC's Head of Service and from the Director, Local Government and Housing Regulation Division.
3.3	In his response from LCCC the officer notes that, as Members would be aware, as a result of Local Government Reform, the Council boundary had changed which had resulted in certain areas of the former Lisburn City Council (and former Castlereagh Borough Council) transferring to the Belfast City Council area, which included the Collin Area. In recognising the potential financial impact of this on former ratepayers, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council (L&CCC) had agreed to offer a time bound 3-year subsidy to those former ratepayers making use of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council cemeteries. This subsidy had been supported from April 2015 until March 2018 and matched the overall regional rates convergence scheme which had been implemented by Central Government for household rates. Both of these schemes had ended on 31 March 2018 and at the conclusion of this subsidy the council had been consistent in its approach.
3.4	He reported that from April 2015 there had been a number of requests around the same subject. Officers had maintained a consistent approach and complied with the policy and any previous queries/complaints of this nature had not been upheld. Furthermore, the Council had also been reviewed by the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman (NIPSO) on a similar challenge and had been supported in the decision making and consistency of approach concerning this matter.
3.5	He also drew reference to the position of former Castlereagh ratepayers who had existing graves within Knockbreda Cemetery. Highlighting that many of the former Castlereagh Borough Council ratepayers within the newly formed L&CCC had graves within Knockbreda.

	He detailed that Belfast City Council had never subsidised any former Castlereagh Borough		
	Council residents for their subsequent use of Knockbreda Cemetery and charged up to 3		
	times the resident rate for L&CCC residents.		
3.6	He concluded by advising that the Council reviewed its charging scheme annually and this		
	included charges associated with cemetery provision.		
3.7	In the DfC response regarding fees for burials, the Director advises that the Burial Grounds		
	Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 were made under section 181 of the Public Health		
	Ireland Act 1878 Act (the 1878 Act). He details that this section does not provide the		
	Department with the power to make regulations regarding burial fees. He goes onto state		
	that the Department has no role in the settling of burial fees which is the sole responsibility		
	of Councils.		
3.8	Financial and Resource Implications		
	None associated with this report.		
3.9	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment		
	None associated with this report.		
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4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached		
	Appendix 1 - Response from Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council. Appendix 2 – Response from Department for Communities.		





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23 September 2022

By email to: SteeleSara@BelfastCity.gov.uk

For the Attention of Mr Seamus McBride City Protection Manager Belfast City Council

Dear Mr McBride

Review of Non-Residential Fees for the re-opening of graves in Blaris Cemetery for Collin Residents

Further to the correspondence to Mr David Burns dated 20 September 2022 regarding cemetery charges for non-residents using New Blaris Cemetery, I wish to advise that I have been asked to respond on his behalf as the Head of Service responsible for Cemetery Administration within the Council.

I am aware of the financial impact of any interment of a loved one and the significant emotive nature of the same. As you will be aware as a result of Local Government Reform, the Council boundary was changed and this resulted in certain areas of the former Lisburn City Council (and former Castlereagh Borough Council) transferring to the Belfast City Council area, which includes the Collin Area. In recognising the potential financial impact of this on former ratepayers, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council (L&CCC) agreed to offer a time bound 3-year subsidy to those former ratepayers making use of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council cemeteries. This subsidy was supported from April 2015 until March 2018 and matched the overall regional rates convergence scheme which was implemented by Central Government for household rates. Both of these schemes ended on 31 March 2018 and at the conclusion of this subsidy the council has been consistent in its approach.

I can confirm that from April 2015 there have been a number of requests around the same subject. Officers have maintained a consistent approach and complied with the policy and any previous queries/complaints of this nature have not been upheld. Furthermore, the Council has also been reviewed by the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman (NIPSO) on a similar challenge and has been supported in the decision making and consistency of approach concerning this matter.

Whilst I am responding on the issue of non-residents who now reside within Belfast City Council, I feel it is relevant to also advise on the position of former Castlereagh ratepayers who had existing graves within Knockbreda Cemetery.

Knockbreda Cemetery was owned and operated by the former Castlereagh Borough Council and it transferred as an asset to Belfast City Council on 1 April 2015. Many of the former Castlereagh Borough Council ratepayers within the newly formed L&CCC had graves within Knockbreda. Belfast City Council never subsidised any former Castlereagh Borough Council residents for their subsequent use of Knockbreda Cemetery and charged up to 3 times the resident rate for L&CCC residents.

I can advise that the Council reviews its charging scheme annually and this includes charges associated with cemetery provision.

I am happy to meet to discuss further if you feel that would be beneficial.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 6 October 2022

Mrs Sara Steele (Democratic Services Officer) via email: steelesara@belfastcitv.gov.uk

Dear Mrs Steele,

REVIEW OF BURIAL GROUND REGULATIONS IN RELATION TO FEES FOR BURIALS

I am writing in relation to your letter dated 20 September 2022 to Minister Hargey regarding a review of Burial Ground Regulations in relation to fees. The Minister has asked that I reply on her behalf.

The Burial Grounds Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 were made under section 181 of the Public Health Ireland Act 1878 (the 1878 Act). This section does not provide the Department with the power to make regulations regarding burial fees.

A council's power to sell exclusive rights of burial, amongst other things, is set out under section 178 of the 1878 Act and the setting of fees is under section 188 of that Act. The Department has no role in the setting of burial fees which is the sole responsibility of councils.

I hope this information is useful to your Committee.

Anthon & Cerrlet.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Carleton

Director, Local Government & Housing Regulation Division



Agenda Item 4g





Subjec	t:	Belfast Healthy Cities – BCC representation at annual conference (Copenhagen) and BHC/BCC engagement proposal			
Date:	total 44th O 4 L 2000				
	Pate: 11 th October 2022 Reporting Officer: David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services, CNS				
Contac	Contact Officer: Kelly Gilliland, Neighbourhood Services Manager, CNS Margaret Higgins, Lead Officer – Community Provision, CNS				
Restric	ted Reports	5			
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Call-in					
Is the d	ecision eliç	gible for Call-in? Yes X No			
1.0	Purpose o	of Report or Summary of main Issues			
1.1		se of this report is to:			
	• Ad	vise members of an invite from Belfast Healthy Cities for either the Chair or Vice			
	Ch	nair of People and Communities committee to attend the WHO European Healthy			
	Cit	Cities Network Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference 22–24 November			
	20	22 in Copenhagen, Denmark.			
	• Se	Seek feedback on a proposed engagement mechanism between elected members and			
	Belfast Healthy Cities.				
2.0	Recomme				
2.1	The Comm	committee is asked to:			
	• Cor	 Consider the invitation and advise whether Council will be represented at the 			
	con	conference, and in what capacity, and by whom. Committee is also asked to provide			
	fee	feedback in relation to the proposed mechanism for more regular engagement between			
	elected members and Belfast Healthy Cities.				

3.0	Main report
3.1	Background Belfast's membership to the WHO European Healthy Cities Network is facilitated by Belfast Healthy Cities (BHC), an independent partnership organisation. In May 2021 the City of Belfast was successful in its application to re-designate as a WHO Healthy City and participate in Phase VII of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network until April 2026.
3.2	WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Conference Belfast Healthy Cities has extended an invitation to Council for the Chair or Vice Chair of People and Communities committee (or their nominee) to attend the WHO European Healthy Cities Network Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference 22–24 November 2022 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The theme is Healthy Cities Leading by Example: One Planet, One People, One Health.
3.3	This will be the first hybrid meeting in Phase VII (2019–2025) of the WHO European Network, and the organisers look forward to many participants from member cities attending in person. These meetings bring together both political representatives and technical focal points from the WHO flagship cities and the national networks. The WHO European Healthy Cities Network comprises more than 1300 cities and municipalities as members in total. Belfast City Council last sent a political representative to a WHO Healthy Cities conference in 2015.
3.4	Public sector organisations cover the costs of a member attending. Only one political representative from Belfast is asked to attend, three BHC staff and a BHC board member will also attend. Costs for attending the meeting in person are £1,200/£1,500 – this includes return flight to Copenhagen; 4 nights' accommodation and an allowance for each day. Members should advise if they want council represented in person or virtually.
3.5	The Conference website is now online and can be accessed at: 2022 WHO Healthy Cities Annual Business Meeting and Technical Conference. As the conference approaches the website will be updated with more detailed information on the programme, site visits and side events.
3.6	Engagement mechanism between elected members and Belfast Healthy Cities Issues of health and wellbeing are a key consideration for the citizens of Belfast and the reduction of health inequalities is identified as a continuing priority in the emerging Belfast Agenda refresh.
3.7	Belfast Healthy Cities has approached council to consider how their engagement with elected members could be enhanced and more formalised ging forward so that there is an agreed Page 52

process and structure for clear communication on local priorities as well as the WHO initiatives and what best practice can be shared across the Network. Belfast Healthy Cities is a key partner in addressing health inequalities and in June of this year council agreed to further 3 year funding for Belfast Healthy Cities.

- In addition, the Living Here Board of the Belfast Community Planning Partnership has recommended for approval the establishment of a Health Inequalities Strategic Reference Group (HISRG) which will act as the oversight body for allocating resources to, and agreeing and reviewing action(s) undertaken in support of, health inequalities work in the city under community planning (to be considered/ratified at the next BCPP meeting). Belfast Healthy Cities will have representation on this group.
- One potential model to support increased communication and co-operation between councillors, officers and Belfast Healthy Cities would be for nominated 'Health Champions' to be brought together 2-3 times a year and to act as a contact point for BHC on key issues of consideration. Each political party within council would nominate one representative who would take a leadership role in working and engaging with Belfast Healthy Cities and potentially also with the Health Inequalities Strategic Reference Group or broader Living Here Board under BCPP (as appropriate) on issues and/or motions which relate to relevant issues.
- 3.10 A similar approach has recently been approved for engagement with Belfast Youth Council through the nomination of Youth Champions by each of the political parties.
- 3.11 Members are asked to consider this proposed engagement mechanism and if content, officers from Community Provision will contact each party to nominate a health champion and to agree Terms of Reference etc.

Financial & Resource Implications

- 3.12 Council are one of four core funders to Belfast Healthy Cities, along with the Public Health Agency (PHA), Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (BHSCT) and Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE). Annual funding amounts to over 300k of which BCC contributes £81,294 per annum, which has been committed for a further 3-year period to align with the Phase VII and Community Plan timeframes to 31 March 2026.
- 3.12 Reference the conference invitation, as public sector organisations cover the cost of political members attendance, this cost will have to be taken from departmental budgets. There is no cost for a political representative to attend online.

All other activity outlined in the paper can be covered from existing resources.

3.13	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment None identified at this stage but kept under continuous review. It should be noted that much of the work undertaken by BHC is to address, or promote awareness of, health inequalities and best practice whole population or targeted approaches to mitigate or prevent these.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached None

Agenda Item 5a



PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Subjec	ect: Proposal for naming new streets				
Date:	Date: 11th October, 2022				
Report	ing Officer:	Ian Harper, Building Control Manager			
Contact Officer: Roisin Adams, Business Coordinator					
Restric	Restricted Reports				
Is this	Is this report restricted?				X
If	Yes, when will the	report become unrestricted?			
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Call-in					
Is the c	Is the decision eligible for Call-in?				
1.0	Purpose of Repor	or Summary of main Issues			
1.1	To consider an app	lication for the naming of a new street in the	City.		
2.0	Recommendations				
2.1	Based on the inforr	nation presented, the Committee is required	to make a reco	mmen	dation
	in respect of an app	olication for naming a new street in the City.	The Committee	may e	either:
	Grant the application, or				
	Refuse the application and request that the applicants submit other names for				
	consideration	n.			
3.0	Main report				
	Key Issues			_	
3.1	The power for the Council to name streets is contained in Article 11 of the Local Government		nment		
	(iviiscellaneous Pro	visions) (NI) Order 1995.			

3.2 Members are asked to consider the following application for naming a new street in the City.

The application particulars are in order and the Royal Mail has no objections to the proposed names. The proposed new names are not contained in the Council's Streets Register and do not duplicate existing approved street names in the City.

Proposed Name	Location	Applicant
Kings Hall Road	Off Lisburn Road, BT9	Todd Architects,
		Ltd

3.3 Todd Architects have proposed Kings Hall Road, as their first choice as the new street is located to the side of the existing Kings Hall. The new street is being developed to include 80 residential apartments and 1 commercial property. The applicant has proposed Kings Hall Avenue and Kings Hall Way as the second and third choice as they want to link the new development to the existing Kings Hall.

Financial & Resource Implications

3.4 There are no Financial, Human Resources, Assets and other implications in this report.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

3.5 There are no direct Equality implications.

4.0 Appendices – Documents Attached

None