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14th December, 2022

MEETING OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following items will also be considered at the meeting to be held at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 16th December, 2022.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

3. Belfast Agenda/Strategic Issues

- (b) Complex Lives - Creation of Reserve (Pages 1 - 4)

4. Physical Programme and Asset Management

- (b) Update on Area Working Groups (Pages 5 - 48)
- (c) Update on Physical Programme - Forth Meadow Community Greenway
Public Art Sculpture Plaque (Pages 49 - 60)

5. Equality and Good Relations

- (a) Minutes of the Meeting of the Shared City Partnership (Pages 61 - 90)

6. Operational Issues

- (d) Minutes of the Meeting of the Disability Working Group (Pages 91 - 94)

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Subject:	Complex Lives – Creation of Reserve
Date:	16th December, 2022
Reporting Officer:	John Tully, Director City and Organisational Strategy David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Kevin Heaney, Head of Poverty and Inclusive Growth Kelly Gilliland, Neighbourhood Services Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide an outline in relation to funding received in-year across partners to support the scaling up of the Complex Lives (CL) approach, highlight the limited timeframe in relation to being able to fully allocate/spend and, therefore, seek Committee approval to create a reserve to assist with the recruitment and retention of required posts and maximise spend in-year and on in 23/24 whilst partners are confirming budgets for next year.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the creation of a dedicated Complex Lives reserve, to be held and administered within City and Neighbourhood Services Department; and note that work is ongoing with statutory and community and voluntary partners via the relevant structures (i.e. Strategic Leadership Group – meets quarterly, and the CL

	Steering Group – meets monthly) to identify and agree in-year spend priorities, progress with recruitment in-year, and to seek budget allocation for 2023/24.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	The Committee will be aware that the Council is leading, alongside a range of partners, in developing the Complex Lives whole system approach to better support individuals impacted by chronic homelessness in the City. The design of the model has been informed by proven approaches developed in Doncaster and aims to help a core group of vulnerable people who are locked in a cycle of rough sleeping with repeated accommodation breakdowns, who have poor physical and mental health, drug misuse issues, offending behaviour, often impacted by past and ongoing trauma.
3.2	The Belfast Complex Lives model commenced its prototyping phase in October 2021, following a period of collective agreement and joint development work. The agreed timeline was for the prototyping to run for six months, to the end of March 2022, and then to roll out/mainstream the model from April 2022 onwards, making any necessary tweaks or adaptations based on learning from the trial and test period.
3.3	Whilst much has been achieved in relation to improved relationships and processes across partners and in relation to outcomes for individuals, the ability to scale up the model from early 2022 as planned has been impacted upon the ability of partners to leverage in additional funding.
3.4	Negotiations and follow up across partners took place between April and September 2022 to secure the £350k annual budget required to scale up the approach (this includes recruitment of up to 6 Intensive Support Workers, a Coordinator and a Project Support post alongside case management and outcomes monitoring systems and ongoing strategic advisory support via Marsh Public Service Solutions who were instrumental in developing the Doncaster model and who have been assisting throughout).
3.5	In-year funding was confirmed at the October 2022 meeting of the Strategic Leadership Group (SLG) with a total of £277k committed from a number of core/key partners including DfC PCSP, PBNI, PHA, PSNI, NIHE, PHA – as well as BCC.
3.6	The fact that funding awards were confirmed so late in the financial year presents challenges in being able to ensure full in-year allocation and spend – particularly given that a substantial amount of this funding was to recruit posts (as noted in 3.4). Therefore a key ask at the SLG

	<p>meeting was for partner organisations to be as flexible as possible in terms of taking forward in-year actions/priorities and to request if there would be any ability to carry over committed funding into next year as a specified reserve (with all necessary caveats built in) to enable the appointment of key support posts on a 1-year basis rather than on a 3-4 month basis, as the latter would obviously impact on the attractiveness and likelihood of filling these core posts.</p>
3.7	<p>Partners with a responsibility for commissioning, are now currently engaging internally to check whether their in-year funding allocations could be utilised in this manner, and in the interim, it was agreed that officers would seek permission to create a dedicated reserve to facilitate this – hence the report to SP&R. Delivery organisations are progressing with recruitment on a temporary basis with a possibility of extension – and commission organisations, including BCC, are also working through internal budgeting processes for 23/24 – it is therefore hoped that having a reserve will enable us to continue to fund posts and actions into early 23/24 ensuring continuity and that momentum is maintained. The SLG is due to meet again on the 17th January 2023 and will review the current and future financial position, and the Complex Lives Steering Group continues to meet monthly to progress and review actions.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.8	<p>All funding – BCC (58k) and Partners (218k) has been confirmed for 2022/23. Each organisation is progressing with recruitment and other related actions. Proposal is that any remaining funding, where partners attain necessary approvals, be held in a dedicated reserve for Complex Lives.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.9	<p>There is set criteria for being nominated for consideration for support via the Complex Lives model and agreed processes for case management and provision of wraparound support. Many of the individuals who benefit are from S75 groups, and as part of the process, are directly involved in making decisions about their care and support needs.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	None

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Subject:	Update on Area Working Groups
Date:	16th December, 2022
Reporting Officer:	Sinead Grimes, Director of Physical Programmes
Contact Officer:	Shauna Murtagh, Programme Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To present for approval the minutes of the most recent round of Area Working Group meetings.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve the most recent AWG minutes (<i>West – 24 November, South – 28 November and North – 29 November</i>), as attached; • Belfast Bikes – approve the recommendations in respect of Belfast Bikes, as laid out in paragraph 3.2 below; and, • Physical Programme – approve the recommendations in respect of LIF, BIF and SOF projects including reallocations as laid out in paragraph 3.3 below.

3.0	Main Report
	<u>KEY ISSUES</u>
3.1	<p>Area Working Group Minutes</p> <p>Members agreed in June 2016 that the Area Working Group minutes would be taken into the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for approval going forward, in line with the Council's commitment to openness and transparency and to ensure a consistent approach with other Member-led Working Groups.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to approve the most recent AWG minutes as attached.</p>
3.2	<p>Expansion of Belfast Bikes Scheme 2022/23</p> <p>West AWG</p> <p>The Working Group agreed to defer consideration of the final locations to the next West Area Working Group meeting to enable further consultation and consideration to be given to the proposed locations.</p> <p>South AWG</p> <p>The Working Group agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that Drumglass Park and the Elms Village be selected for the next phase of the Belfast Bikes Scheme in South Belfast.</p> <p>North AWG</p> <p>The Working Group agreed to note the status of the Belfast Bikes expansion scheme and agreed to the following docking station locations for the next phase of the expansion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grove Wellbeing Centre (North); and, - A Permanent station in close proximity to the new station entrance, to be initially located at the Council car park adjacent to Yorkgate Station, with the final location to be confirmed by Translink, following the refurbishment of the station.
3.3	Physical Programme Update
	<p>West Belfast AWG</p> <p>Belfast Investment Fund and Social Outcomes Fund – The Working Group recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Greater Shankill Community Council project is moved to <i>Stage 3 – Committed</i>, and; – £507,000 of SOF funding is allocated to Greater Shankill Community Council and £80,000 is allocated to the Woodvale Park project.

	<p>South Belfast AWG</p> <p>Belfast Investment Fund – The Working Group recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that Coffee Culture (BIF46) and Arts and Digital Hub (BIF48) are moved to <i>Stage 2- Uncommitted</i>.</p> <p>North Belfast AWG</p> <p>Belfast Investment Fund – The Working recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that Midland Boxing Club project (BIF45) is moved to <i>Stage 3 - Committed</i>.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All recommendations for BIF and SOF are based on reallocated funds under existing programmes.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	Minutes of the meetings of the West, South and North Area Working Groups

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West Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 24th November, 2022

HYBRID MEETING OF THE SPECIAL WEST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillor McCann (Chairperson),
Alderman McCoubrey;
Councillors Corr, Canavan, Donnelly, Duffy,
Garrett, Hutchinson, McCabe,
McLaughlin, Thompson, Verner and Walsh.

In attendance: Mr. M. Doherty, Project Manager;
Mr. F. Grant, Operations Development Manager;
Ms. A. McGlone, Neighbourhood Integration Manager; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

An apology for inability to attend was reported on behalf of Councillor Beattie.

Minutes

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

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Thompson declared an interest in relation to Item 2 – Update on Physical Programme is that she was a Director of the following three organisations who were referenced within the report:

- Glencairn Community Project;
- Greater Shankill Community Council; and
- Shankill Woman's Centre

The Member left the meeting whilst the agenda item was being discussed.

Issue Raised in Advance by a Member

Presentation from Shankill Juniors – Councillor Verner

Councillor Verner sought the permission of the Working Group to receive a presentation from the Shankill Juniors.

The Working Group agreed to receive the presentation and agreed to take it as the first item on the agenda.

The Chairperson welcomed to the meeting Mr. Craig Houston and Mr. Craig Fleck, representing the Shankill Juniors.

Mr. Fleck commenced by providing the Working Group with a background to Shankill Junior Football Club which was a community club established in 1987. He explained that the club was at the heart of the community and outlined the journey of a junior player from age 3-16, including detail regarding participation in the various leagues, including the National League and Irish League games. He also drew Members' attention to the club's core values which were to ensure that the players had fun, gave a commitment, and ultimately were young people who had integrity and strong moral principles.

He concluded by outlining the Club's Challenges as follows:

Facilities

- currently relies on 4 venues for training and highlighted that these were currently not enough due to the increase in numbers attending and overall demand; and
- extreme competition for training slots with clubs from all over Belfast and NI completing.

Costs

- training slots costing nearly £2000 per month (not sustainable); and
- noted that, if the club had home training grounds, the funds could be reinvested back into the club to provide the children with better opportunities.

Ability to Grow

- it was envisaged that the club would grow by at least 100 children in the next 3 years; and
- given the current demands, if it should grow at this anticipated level, there was concern as to where they would train.

Catchment Area

- the socio-economic area is one of the most deprived in Belfast and opportunities are limited for the children in the area;
- anti-social behaviour and crime figures in the area are high; and
- highlighted that the club aims to provide a 'safe space' for local children.

The Chairperson and several the Members thanked the representatives for their presentation and acknowledged the excellent work that the Shankill Juniors undertook with the local children in their community.

Councillor Verner thanked the Members for giving the representatives from the Shankill Juniors an opportunity to address the Working Group. She advised that she would be keen for the Council to consider the repurposing of the unused MUGA at Woodvale Park, this was currently a wasted space in the heart of the community which could potentially be repurposed as a training ground.

The Members discussed whether other funding avenues had been explored, for example, through the Department for Communities.

Several of the Members stated that they were keen not to build an unrealistic expectation that the project could be delivered.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a technical report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Working Group which would consider the costs in more detail and the logistics of delivering the proposal.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their presentation, and they left the meeting.

Update on Physical Programme

The Members considered the undernoted report:

“1. Introduction

The Council’s Physical Programme covers projects under a range of funding streams including the Capital Programme, the Leisure Transformation Programme, the Local Investment Fund (LIF), the Belfast Investment Fund (BIF), Social Outcomes Fund (SOF) and the new Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund (NRF); in addition, the programme covers projects that the Council is delivering in behalf of other agencies. This report outlines the status of projects under the Physical Programme.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- note the updates on the Physical Programme for West Belfast.**
- note the project movement for Greater Shankill Community Council project to *Stage 3 - Committed*.**
- recommend that £507,000 of SOF funding is allocated to Greater Shankill Community Council and £80,000 is allocated to the Woodvale Park project.**

3. Local Investment Fund

Members are reminded LIF is a £9m fixed programme of capital investment in non-council neighbourhood assets, over two tranches: LIF 1 (2012-2015) - £5m total funding pot, allocated across each AWG areas; and LIF 2 (2015 -2019) - £4m allocation. (LIF 1 – West - £1,127,500 + Shankill £490,000 and LIF 2 - £1,400,000).

Each LIF project proposal is taken through a Due Diligence process prior to any funding award. The table below outlines funding to date for each tranche, at key stages of the delivery

process: 50 projects have received In Principle support under LIF1 and LIF2, of which 49 have been completed and 1 project at delivery stage. In total, 98% of all LIF West projects have now been completed. Further details of these are outlined below.

LIF breakdown – West	LIF 1		LIF 2	
Stage/ Description	Projects	Amount/ Value (£)	Projects	Amount/ Value (£)
Number of Projects Completed	25 (100%)	£1,617,500	24 (96%)	£1,341,788
Number of Projects On-going Delivery			1 (4%)	£58,212
Number of Projects in Pre-construction				
Number of Projects in Initial Stage (Due Diligence)				
Total Number of Approved Projects	25	£1,617,500	25	£1,400,000

The below table is a brief overview of the remaining live projects are shown below.

LIF Ref	Project	LIF Funding	Stage	Status	Action / Recommendation
WLIF2-04	St John Bosco Boxing Club	£40,000	Complete	Project recently completed. Snagging works ongoing.	Ongoing liaison with the group, Sport NI, DfC and DoF.
WLIF2-08	Berlin Swifts Football Club	LIF £65,085; SOF £113,000	On Ground	Modular changing building has been installed however utility connections remain outstanding. All utility connections applications now progressing well, with sufficient funding in place to complete project.	Continue engagement with utility companies and project partners.

4. Belfast Investment Fund

Members are reminded BIF is a £28m investment fund for regeneration, partnership projects, with a minimum £250k investment. The West AWG had a total allocation of £9m comprising £5.5m from the original allocation, an additional £1.2m which was ring-fenced for projects in the Shankill area when this became part of the West AWG following the Council elections in

2015 and £2.5m which was ringfenced for projects in the Colin area following LGR.

6 projects have received an In-Principle funding commitment under BIF accounting for the full allocation. Each of the 'In Principle' projects are taken through a 3-stage approval process, including a rigorous Due Diligence process before any Funding Agreement is approved and put in place. Table below provides a summary of BIF allocated projects.

Summary of BIF allocated projects

West	Stage 3—Davitts GAC—£1m; Raidió Fáilte—£950k; St Comgall's- £3.5m; Colin Glen Forest Park—£2.5m Stage 2—Glencairn Community Project— £700k; Greater Shankill Community Council- Royal British Legion- £300k, St Mary's CBS— no commitment Stage 1— An Sportslann; Suffolk Community Forum; Belfast Hills- Black Mountain Access—no commitment
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BIF Ref	Project	Funding	Stage	Status	Action/ Recommendation
BIF29	Greater Shankill Community Council - RBL	BIF- £300,000; SOF- tbc	Uncommitted; Design stage	Project cost estimate following tender exercise has led to a funding deficit due to rising construction costs. Additional funding under SOF in the amount of £507,000, subject to WAWG recommendation and Committee approval.	Move to Stage 3- Committed. Continue engagement with the group.
BIF09	Glencairn Community Project	£700,00	Uncommitted; Due Diligence stage	Project cost estimate following tender exercise indicates a deficit. Group are investigating other funding and mechanisms. Awaiting date for meeting with Education Authority to resolve land transfer. CNS officer to provide support at sub-group.	Continue engagement with the group and key stakeholders.

5. Social Outcomes Fund

SOF is £4m ringfenced capital investment programme with a focus on local community tourism projects. 5 projects in West Belfast received an In-Principle funding commitment. Similar to LIF and BIF, all projects are subject to Due Diligence process prior to any funding award.

SOF – West Belfast projects overview

West	<p>Stage 3— James Connolly Interpretative centre—£650,000; Rock Centre —£200,000; Belfast Orange Hall Museum- £80,000; Roddy McCorley Museum - £1,350,000</p> <p>Stage 1— Berlin Swifts Football Club - £113,000; Greater Shankill Community Council - £tbc; Shankill Road Environmental Improvement Project - £50,000; Woodvale Park - tbc</p>
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An overview of the remaining SOF projects is outlined in the table below –

SOF Ref	Project	Funding	Stage	Status	Action / Recommendation
SOF05	Roddy McCorley Museum	£1,350,000	On Ground	Development of a modern interpretative museum and existing grounds. Project progressing well. Estimated completion December 2022.	Continue engagement with the group
SOF10	Shankill Road Environmental Improvement Project	£50,000	Initial stage	Small-scale environmental improvement project for the Shankill Road. Project is currently undergoing Due Diligence process.	Continue engagement with the group

Shankill SOF projects

Members will note that on 23 September 2022, the SP&R Committee agreed to allocate £750,000 SOF monies due to the withdrawal of the Shankill Mission project to Berlin Swifts FC (£113,000), Shankill Road Environmental Improvement project (£50,000), and to meet the funding deficit for Greater Shankill

Community Council (GSCC) project once the tender has been returned, and out of remaining allocation agreed in principle to support proposals for Woodvale Park. The GSCC tender exercise has now completed and the overall project costs is estimated at £807,000. It is noted that this is a significant rise which is due to the ongoing challenges in the construction sector. It is recommended that the funding shortfall of £507,000 is met via the reallocation of the monies from the Shankill Mission project. With the GSCC cost estimate confirmed, there is approximately £80,000 remaining monies for the Woodvale Park MUGA upgrade proposal. The Woodvale Park project is to be worked up with further detail to be brought back in due course. Members are asked to recommend that £507,000 of SOF funding is allocated to Greater Shankill Community Council and the residual amount is allocated to the Woodvale Park project.

6. Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund

The Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund is a £10m capital fund to help groups deliver capital projects that will make a real, long-term difference in their communities. On 7 November 2022, Members have considered the feedback on *Stage 1- Applications* in the West Belfast area and made recommendations to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on which applications they wish to move forward to *Stage 2 – Development Stage*. In line with the agreed process, the outcome of special AWGs have been taken through Strategic Policy & Resources Committee and are now subject to Council ratification on 1 December 2022.

7. Capital Programme

The Capital Programme is the rolling programme of enhancing existing Council assets or building / buying new ones. Members are reminded of the 3-stage approval process in place for every project on council's Capital Programme, as agreed by SP&R Committee. Table below provides an update on current live projects West Belfast area. Members are asked to note the updates on the Physical Programme.

West Belfast – Capital programme overview

Project	Status and update
City Cemetery – National Lottery Heritage Fund	Stage 3 – Committed. On ground. Contractor works are progressing well. The new service yard is completed. The restoration of the Mortuary Tower & exterior of Foxes Lodge is completed. Visitor centre is completed and work is ongoing in preparation for opening. In tandem with this the restoration works on several of the site's key assets such as the Centre Steps and Victorian Fountains is well underway. Design and procurement works are underway with regards to Dual Language signage throughout the site with some external signage due for installation before

	Christmas. This will enable the visitor Centre to be opened for public use. Further dual language work (site signage, app, videos etc) is underway and engagement with Irish language groups is ongoing and will remain so until all dual language works are completed.
Playground Programme - Areema and Sally Gardens	Stage 3 – Committed. Works programmed for completion within 2022/23 financial year.
Alleygating Phase 5	Stage 3 – Committed. Approved at SP&R Committee in September 2022 including the list of alleygates to be taken forward subject to costs.
Access to the Hills – connections from Cavehill to Divis Mountain and Black Mountain	Stage 2- Uncommitted. Business case procurement underway. Will also be considered within the wider study as below.
Black Mountain/Upper Whiterock Greenway	Stage 2- Uncommitted. Undergoing the business case review process. Will be assessed within the wider study.
Colin Greenway	Stage 2- Uncommitted. Draft Business case related to the development of the Colin Active Travel Routes prepared and under review.
Connectivity - Access to Hills Programme (city wide)	Stage 1- Emerging. Secured DAERA funding for the Access to the Belfast Hills Feasibility Study. Contractor has been appointed and study is underway.
Belfast Bikes Expansion	Further expansion – there is a separate report being presented to Members at this AWG on Belfast Bikes proposed locations.

8. Externally funded programmes

The Council is the delivery partner for several government department on key capital investment programmes, namely Social Investment Fund (SIF) and Urban Villages (UV) from the Executive Office as well as several schemes with DfC. The following is an overview of projects within each programme relevant to West Belfast.

Urban Villages Initiative

The table below shows the status on UV projects in West Belfast – note the UV programme has a defined West Belfast geography (Colin area).

West Belfast – UV overview

Project	Status and update
Páirc Nua Chollann	Project completed and opened to the public on 20 October 2022. Animation activity is underway. A celebration event is taking place on 24 November 2022.
Colin Valley Football Club	Council is acting as Delivery Partner. On ground. The contractor on site and the project is progressing well with an anticipated completion of end January 2023.
Healthy Living Centre (Sport in the Community PCA)	Council is acting as Delivery Partner. On ground. Council agreed 25-year lease and 25-year Deed of Dedication has been confirmed. The contractor commenced on site in September 2022. Anticipated completion date is March 2023.

PEACEIV – Capital Projects

Members are asked to note updates on the capital projects that are related to the PEACEIV Programme.

West Belfast – Peace IV Capital Projects overview

Project	Status and update
Forth Meadow Community Greenway	<p>On ground.</p> <p><i>Section 1 – Glencairn</i> – Works complete and handed over to City and Neighbourhood Services. Signage package to be installed to include feature panels, narrative panels and beacon lights.</p> <p><i>Section 2 – Forth River/ Springfield Road</i> – Works commenced in October 2022 with the date for completion of June 2023.</p> <p><i>Section 3- Falls Park/Whiterock</i> – Works now complete however, there is a delay with hand-over to Council due to issues with NIE connections for lighting columns. This to be resolved by the end of November 2022.</p> <p><i>Section 4 – Bog Meadows</i> – Phase 1 complete, Phase 4 underway, anticipated completion late 2022.</p> <p><i>Section 5 – Westlink to City Centre</i> – currently at detailed design stage.</p> <p>Members will note that work on the flagship piece is progressing with installation and a public unveiling planned for January 2023.</p>
Black Mountain Shared Space Project	<p><i>Phase 1.</i> Tender returned. SP&R approval 21st October 2022 for award of contract. Will be liaising with funders regarding reducing the deficit. Works to commence on site by end of November 2022. Project completion within the PIV funding programme is still a major risk.</p> <p><i>Phase 2.</i> Design team appointed. Design agreed with end user. Planning submission in preparation stage.</p>

Shankill Shared Women's Centre	On ground. Hoarding artwork unveiling took place on August 2022. Update on SSWC provided in SP&R report of 21 st October 2022 with regards to securing additional funding. Project completion extended to 30 June 2023.
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DfI funded projects

Below is the status update on projects funded by Department for Infrastructure in West Belfast.

DfI – West Belfast projects overview

Project	Status and update
Covered cycle stands Phase 1	<i>Via Revitalisation Programme (DfC, DfI)</i> Grosvenor Community Centre - Project completed – installed in September 2022
Covered cycle stands Phase 2	<i>Via DfI Active Travel Enablers Blue and Green Infrastructure Fund</i> Páirc Nua Chollan, Andersonstown Leisure Centre – currently in production and due for installation by May 2023. Potential additional location: Brook Leisure Centre.
Belfast Bikes (New Station at Kennedy Centre)	<i>Via DfI Active Travel Enablers Blue and Green Infrastructure Fund</i> Project completed – September 2022

DfC funded projects

Members are asked to note that the projects currently match funded by Department for Communities include: Páirc Nua Chollann (recently completed), Berlin Swifts Football Club, Forth Meadow Community Greenway and Black Mountain Shared Space Project.”

The Working Group recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee adopt the recommendations as outlined at 2.0 of the report.

Belfast Bikes Update and Location Agreement

The Operations Development Manager, Mr. F. Grant, took the Committee through a PowerPoint presentation which considered the Belfast Bikes Expansion scheme and the options and recommendations for each location for the next phase of the scheme, including pictures of the proposed locations.

The Members considered the suggested locations, as follows:

Options for St Mary's College

- St Dominic's Grammar School or Coláiste Feirste.

Options for Shankill Road

- Spectrum Centre or Woodvale Park.

A Member queried whether consultation had been undertaken with Coláiste Feirste to establish if it would be content with the proposed location, especially given that it would be erected in front of a statue.

The Members also considered the proposed Shankill locations and discussed the possibility of the final location being located nearer to Glencairn and requested that further consideration be given to this.

Following discussion, it was agreed to defer consideration of the final locations to the next West Area Working Group meeting to enable further consultation and consideration to be given to the proposed locations.

Chairperson

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North Belfast Area Working Group

Tuesday, 29th November, 2022

NORTH BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

HELD IN THE LAVERY ROOM AND REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillors Bradley (Chairperson),
Councillors Cobain, Magee, Maskey,
McCullough, Murphy, Nelson, O'Hara, Pankhurst
and Whyte.

In attendance: Mr. J. Greer, Director of Economic Development;
Ms. S. Murtagh, Programme Manager;
Mr. F. Grant, Operations Development Manager; and
Ms. C. Donnelly, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

No apologies were reported.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd November were approved by the Working Group.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Request to Present: Department for Infrastructure - York Street Interchange Review

The Working Group agreed to receive, at a future meeting, an update from the Department for Infrastructure on the York Street Interchange Review.

Expansion of Belfast Bike Scheme

The Working Group considered the undernoted report:

"1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To update Members on the status of the Belfast Bikes expansion scheme, and to agree final locations for next phase of expansion.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is requested to:

- note the current status of the Belfast Bikes expansion scheme;
- to agree final locations for the next phase of expansion.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Background

The Belfast Bikes scheme was launched in 2015 as part Belfast City Council's physical investment programme. The Department for Regional Development provided initial capital funding for the scheme as part of their Active Travel Demonstration Projects budget. The scheme launched with a network of 30 docking stations and 300 bikes. The scheme has been operated by NSL continually since inception using bikes and supporting infrastructure from 'Nextbike by TIER'. The scheme currently operates with 573 bikes (including those in reserve for new stands) and 50 docking stations.

3.2 Current expansion status

At CG&R on 12 May 2021 it was agreed that an additional four Belfast Bikes docking stations would be deployed using DFI Active Travel funding. Installation began in Q1 2022/23 and the current status is as follows:

- Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre was installed on 7 July 2022 and is operational;
- Olympia Leisure Centre was installed on 25 October 2022 and is operational;
- Kennedy Centre installation has been postponed due to delays by supplier; it is expected to be operational by late November;
- Waterworks installation has been postponed due to delays by the supplier; it is expected to be operational by late November;

An additional station at Titanic Quarter was completed in May 2022, funded by developer contribution.

3.3 Future expansion 2022/23

At CG&R on 9 June 2021 it was agreed to proceed with 15 docking stations outlined in the expansion proposal. An investment of approximately £525,000 is required, based on cost estimates from previous network expansions. At SP&R on 18 June 2021 members agreed for £500,000 to be invested in the expansion proposal.

3.4 Eight stations will be installed in the upcoming phase, which should be completed by 31 March 2023. Seven stations will follow in the next phase the following year (2023/24).

3.5 The following areas were agreed previously by SP&R Committee, with the final locations of each docking station to be agreed through Area Working Groups:

- North: Yorkgate and Shore Road
- West: St Mary's College and Shankill Road
- South: Lisburn Road and Malone Road
- East: Castlereagh Road, Upper Newtownards Road.

3.6 Options and recommendations for each location will be presented during the meeting, for discussion and agreement by Members.

3.7 The options for Shore Road area are:

- Grove Leisure Centre (South)
- Grove Leisure Centre (North)
- Grove Park / North Queen Street

3.8 The options for Yorkgate area are:

- Temporary station at Council car park near Yorkgate station.
- Permanent station to be confirmed by Translink, who are permitting the station to be placed on their land following Yorkgate station refurbishment. This will be placed in close vicinity to the new station entrance.

3.9 A site expansion matrix was previously agreed by SP&R for future expansion. Although it is not required for determining the final locations in this phase, it has been used to help demonstrate the application of this matrix.

3.10 Financial & Resource Implications

Finance

There are no specific financial or resource implications contained within this report.

3.11 Equality or Good Relations Implications

None."

The Working Group agreed to note the status of the Belfast Bikes expansion scheme and agreed to the following docking station locations for the next phase of the expansion:

- Grove Wellbeing Centre (North); and
- A Permanent station in close proximity to the new station entrance, to be initially located at the Council car park adjacent to Yorkgate Station, with the final location to be confirmed by Translink, following the refurbishment of the station.

Update on Physical Programme

The Working Group considered the following report:

“1. Introduction

The Council's Physical Programme covers projects under a range of funding streams including the Capital Programme, the Leisure Transformation Programme, the Local Investment Fund (LIF), the Belfast Investment Fund (BIF), Social Outcomes Fund (SOF) and the new Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund (NRF); in addition, the programme covers projects that the Council is delivering in behalf of other agencies. This report outlines the status of projects under the Physical Programme.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to

- note the physical programme update for North Belfast,
- note the project movement for Midland Boxing Club project to *BIF Stage 3- Committed*,
- note the projects highlighted under LIF and BIF where little or no progress has been made, and;
- recommend that the following Groups are issued with a letter seeking written confirmation on whether the group wish to either withdraw or engage in the process, by mid-January 2023, with update to be brought to next AWG: Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership, Mercy Primary School, Crumlin Road; Basement Youth Club/ Elim Church (Old Grove).

3. Local Investment Fund

LIF is a £9m fixed programme of capital investment in non-council neighbourhood assets, over two tranches: LIF 1 (2012-2015) - £5m total funding pot, allocated across each AWG areas; and LIF 2 (2015 -2019) - £4m allocation with the North being allocated £1.127m under LIF1 and £800,000 under LIF2.

Each LIF project proposal is taken through a Due Diligence process prior to any funding award. The table below outlines funding to date for each tranche, at key stages of the delivery process: 43 projects in total have received In Principle support under LIF1 and LIF2, of which 35 have been completed; 2 are at delivery stage; 1 are at pre- construction stage and 5 remain at due diligence / initial stages. In total, 80% of all LIF North projects have now been completed.

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

Number of Projects Completed	23 (92%)	£996,500	12 (67%)	£566,400
Number of Projects On-going Delivery			2 (11%)	£133,467
Number of Projects in Pre-construction			1 (6%)	£21,667
Number of Projects in Initial Stage (Due Diligence)	2 (8%)	£131,000	3 (17%)	£76,667
Total Number Of Approved Projects	25*	£1,127,500	18**	£798,201

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

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

The table below provide an overview of progress and actions around the remaining live projects. **Members are asked to note the status of the current LIF projects and the ongoing actions.**

LIF Ref	Project	LIF Funding	Stage	Status	Action/ Recommendation
NLIF2-14	Star Neighbourhood Centre	£58,467	On Ground	On Ground Electrical works complete. Art piece has been installed. Quotation from supplier for playground equipment received. Waiting for final certificate from other works before order can be made	Continued engagement with the group
NLIF2-22	Sailortown, St Joseph's Church Refurbishment	£75,000	On Ground	On Ground. Heaters procured and installed. Contractor on site. Works on Gallery paused pending HED consent. Architectural option drawings for HED	Continued engagement with group and HED
NLIF2-21	Somme Group – cross community memorial	£21,667	Tender Preparation	Ongoing work with Legal Services in order to get the funding agreement. The procurement exercise for works was initiated last	Continued engagement with group. Requirement for street works licence to be resolved, work in progress with DfI.

				month and is ongoing.	
NLIF014	Westland Community Centre - new building	£65,00	Due Diligence stage	Project originally agreed for LIF in January 2013. A revised community centre scheme has been agreed as an emerging UV capital project. A governance model is being explored and the Business Case is progressing	Continued engagement with group and the Executive Office.
NLIF057	Ardoyne Holy Cross Boxing Club (Link to UV project – ABC Trust H&L Hub)	£66,000	Due Diligence stage	This project is part of the UV development of St. Gemma's School-ABC Trust. Construction works on ABC Trust (Phase 1) ongoing Boxing Club LIF project will be part of Phase 2.	Continued agreement with Group and with UV
NLIF2-19	Women's Tec	£46,667	Due Diligence stage	Agreed February 2017. Lease renewal is signed by group for the former Skegoneill Primary School and awaiting Education Authority signature. The quotation for works exceeds the budget. The team are working with the group and EA to bring the project back within budget.	Continued engagement with Group
NLIF2-03	Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership	£15,000	Due Diligence stage	Agreed in June 2018. Project remains at Due Diligence stage – lease issues to be resolved. Officer attempting to make contact with group to seek	Propose that a letter is sent seeking written confirmation on whether the group wish to either withdraw or engage in the process by mid-January 2023, with an update to be

				clarification whether the project is to proceed or not. No response as yet. Group contact not available and will return to work on 29th Nov.	brought to next AWG.
NLIF2-05	Mercy Primary, Crumlin Road	£15,000	Due Diligence stage	Agreed June 2016. Group governance documents being assembled. Attempting to make contact with group (Mercy Primary School Principal). No response as yet.	Proposed that a letter be sent seeking written confirmation on whether the group wish to either withdraw or engage in the process by mid-January 2023, with an update to be brought to next AWG.

4. **Belfast Investment Fund**

Members are reminded BIF is a £28m investment fund for regeneration partnership projects, with a minimum

£250k investment from Council BIF – North Belfast was allocated £5.5m. In North Belfast, 7 projects have received an In-Principle funding commitment under BIF, thereby fully allocating its £5.5m: and 2 projects are on the longer BIF list. Each of the ‘In Principle’ projects are taken through a 3-stage approval process, including a rigorous Due Diligence process before any Funding Agreement is approved and put in place.

Members are asked to note the status update of these projects provided below. The table provides a summary of BIF allocated projects i.e. project stage; project title; and funding allocated.

Summary of BIF allocated projects

North	Stage 3 - Cancer Lifeline—£575k; Grace Family Centre —£1.3m; Basement Youth Club/ Elim Church Ireland -£900k Stage 2- Malgrove- £950k, Marrowbone Park £750k; Cultural Community Hub - £350k, Midland Boxing Club £550k Stage 1 - Cliftonville Community Forum, Sunningdale Community Centre - no commitment
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BIF Ref	Project	Funding	Stage	Status	Action/ Recommendation
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BIF41	Marrowbone Millennium Park <i>(Link to UV Project)</i>	£750,000	On Ground	Contractor appointed. Works progressing. Estimated completion date is Autumn 2023.	Continue engagement with the group and stakeholders.
BIF45	Midland Boxing Club	BIF £550,000; GWF £30,000	On Ground	Contractor appointed. Works progressing well. Due Diligence process is now complete.	Move to Stage 3- Committed. Continue engagement with the group.
BIF22/34	Basement Youth Club/ Elim Church (Old Grove)	BIF £900,000; DoE £500,000	Design stage	Information requested from Basement Youth Club to complete an updated Economic Appraisal (requested by the Department of Education) has not been received following a number of requests. A lease is required to allow the redevelopment of the Gainsborough Drive site. No update has been provided by Elim Church or the Department of Education in relation to the possibility of this lease being created between Elim and Basement YC.	Propose that a letter is sent seeking written confirmation on whether the group wish to either withdraw or engage in the process, by mid-January 2023, with an update to be brought to next AWG.

BIF15	Malgrove	£950,000	Design stage	Business case completed - preferred pavilion option (2017) is for a 4-team changing. Detailed design progressing. Aim to submit a planning application for the whole sporting complex within the next few months.	Continue engagement with the group and the team to agree the design and submit the planning application.
BIF43	Cultural Community Hub	£350,000	Uncommitted – Due Diligence stage	Proposed new cultural hub community facility. Project will comprise of a 130sqm permanent brick facility on derelict Orange Lodge owned site. DD information being assembled – this work is continuing since last update.	Continue engagement with the group and stakeholders.
BIF49	Cavehill Tennis Club	£71,413	Initial stage	Agreed at October Council. Officer is liaising with group to scope the project. Meeting organised with group in late November 2022.	Continue engagement with the group.

5. Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund

The Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund is a £10m capital fund to help groups deliver capital projects that will make a real, long-term difference in their communities. On 2 November 2022, Members have considered the feedback on Stage 1- Applications in the North Belfast area and made recommendations to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on which applications they wish to move forward to Stage 2 – Development Stage. In line with the agreed process, the outcome of special AWGs have been taken through Strategic Policy & Resources Committee and are now subject to Council ratification on 1 December 2022.

6. Capital Programme

The Capital Programme is the rolling programme of enhancing existing Council assets or building / buying new ones. Members are reminded of the 3-stage approval process in place for every project on council's Capital Programme, as agreed by SP&R Committee. Table below provides an update on current live projects North Belfast area. Members are asked to note the updates on the Physical Programme.

North Belfast – Capital programme overview

Project	Status and update
Belfast Zoo – Programme of Works (Works to the Large Cats Enclosure, Sea Lion, etc)	Stage 3 - Committed. On ground. Sea Lion works complete, H&S works complete. Picnic area has been constructed. Work on new lion enclosure has started and aim to complete by Easter 2023.
North Foreshore - Development Sites Infrastructure Works	Stage 3 – Committed. On ground. Storm Drainage Infrastructure Installation contractor appointed and due to start in January 2023. The Landfill Gas Ring Main tender being reviewed in light of material price increases.
Reservoir Safety Programme	Stage 3- Committed. Works to Alexandra Park, Waterworks Upper and Waterworks Lower. Consultants appointed and undertaking investigative work to assess the existing condition of the reservoirs and associated structures. Public consultation and planning application to be submitted in 2023. PAD meeting held. Additional survey and investigative works required.
Cathedral Gardens (including Belfast Blitz)	Stage 3 – Committed. Approved for movement to <i>Stage 3 – Committed</i> at SP&R Committee in October 2022. Design team is continuing to develop the project and are appointed up to Planning stage. Aim to submit planning application in Spring 2023.
Playground Improvement Programme - Westland	Stage 3 – Committed. Works programmed for completion within 2022/23 financial year.

Alleygating Phase 5	Stage 3 – Committed. Approved at SP&R Committee in September 2022 with the list of alleygates to be taken forward subject to costs.
LTP - Girdwood Indoor Sports Facility	<p>Stage 2 – Uncommitted. DfC partnership project. Continued development of OBC for new leisure facility. Continued liaison with key stakeholders around options for new facility and overall development of the Girdwood site.</p> <p>Public consultation open until late November 2022. Information sessions held at Girdwood and adjacent community centres.</p>
Relocation of Dunbar Link Cleansing Depot	Stage 2 – Uncommitted. OBC being worked up. Possible alternative sites being explored with C&NS in light of current operational requirements and potential route optimisation.
Glencairn Park/ Ligoniel Park Greenway	Stage 2- Uncommitted. Will be considered within the wider study as below.
Access to the Hills – connections from Cavehill to Divis Mountain and Black Mountain	Stage 2- Uncommitted. Business case procurement underway. Will also be considered within the wider study as below.
Connectivity - Access to Hills Programme (city wide)	Stage 1- Emerging. Secured DAERA funding for the Access to the Belfast Hills Feasibility Study. Contractor has been appointed and study is underway.
Belfast Bikes Expansion	Further expansion - there is a separate report being presented to Members at this AWG on Belfast Bikes preferred location.

7. Externally funded programmes

The Council is the delivery partner for several government department on key capital investment programmes, namely Urban Villages (UV) from the Executive Office, Peace IV as well as a number of schemes with DfC. The following is an overview of projects within each programme relevant to North Belfast.

Urban Villages Initiative

The table below shows the status on UV projects in North Belfast – note the UV programme has a defined North Belfast geography (Ardoyne and Greater Ballysillan).

Project	Status Update
Marrowbone Millennium Park <i>(links to BIF programme)</i>	On ground. As above BIF41. Contractor has been appointed and work progressing well and completion date is estimated as early 2024.
ABC Trust Health and Leisure Hub <i>(links to LIF programme)</i>	On ground. Partnership project with UV DfC, DfI and Flax Trust. Contractor has been appointed and works is progressing. Estimated completion of phase 1 is early 2024 with phase 2 to follow.
Ballysillan Playing Fields	Partnership project with UV, DfC and DfI Living with Water Programme. At design stage and the planning application is progressing. Land transfer issues are also progressing. It is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed and on-site in late 2023 pending planning approval.
Ardoyne Youth Enterprises (AYE) Social Enterprise Project	Council is acting as delivery agent. The Letter of Offer is expected early 2023. TEO has identified a funding gap in the sum of £500,000. TEO and the Project Promoter are exploring additional funding opportunities to support this project. Planning application approval pending. Design Team appointed. Contractor expected on site in December 2022.
Sunningdale Community Centre	Council is acting as delivery agent, proposed on Council land. The project is being fully funded by TEO UV Programme The Business Case has been approved and the Letter of Offer is awaited. . The group has been incorporated as a community interest company. Sustainability issues that had previously been highlighted have been explored and Council is satisfied these have been resolved. Land transfer arrangements are progressing. The Design Team has been appointed. Planning application to be submitted. Contractor expected to start on site by spring 2024.
Westland Community Centre <i>(links to LIF programme)</i>	Partnership project with UV. This is an emerging project. A governance model is being explored and the Business Case is expected to complete by March 2023 with the LoO being issued thereafter.

Peace IV

Members are asked to note the update on Peace IV - Forth Meadow Community Greenway project.

Project	Status and update
Forth Meadow Community Greenway project	<p>On ground.</p> <p><i>Section 1 – Glencairn</i> – Works complete and handed over to City and Neighbourhood Services. Signage package to be installed to include feature panels, narrative panels and beacon lights.</p> <p><i>Section 2 – Forth River/ Springfield Road</i> – Works commenced in October 2022 with the date for completion of June 2023.</p> <p><i>Section 3- Falls Park/Whiterock</i> – Works now complete however, there is a delay with hand-over to Council due to issues with NIE connections for lighting columns. This to be resolved by the end of November 2022.</p> <p><i>Section 4 – Bog Meadows</i> – Phase 1 complete, Phase 4 underway, anticipated completion late 2022.</p> <p><i>Section 5 – Westlink to City Centre</i> – currently at detailed design stage.</p> <p>Members will note that work on the flagship piece is progressing with installation and a public unveiling planned for January 2023.</p>

DfC funded projects

Members are asked to note the update on projects funded by Department for Communities.

Project	Status and update
Voice of Young people In Care (VOYPIC) and Include Youth	Project recently completed. Council is acting as delivery agent. Refurbishment of 100 Great Patrick St, Belfast to provide a modern, fit for purpose youth space.

At the request of a Member, the Programme Manager agreed that a detailed report would be presented to the next meeting of the Working Group on the Reservoir Safety Programme.

The Working Group agreed:

- To note the Physical Programme update for north Belfast;
- To note the project movement for Midland Boxing Club project to *BIF Stage 3 – Committed*;
- To note the projects highlighted under LIF and BIF where little or no progress had been made; and
- That letters are issued to the undernoted groups to request written confirmation of whether the groups wish to withdraw or engage in the process, with a response deadline of mid-January, with the letters to also state that the Area Working Group may consider options around these allocations of funding:

- Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership;
- Mercy Primary School; and
- Crumlin Road Basement Youth Club/Elim Church (Old Grove).

Chairperson

South Belfast Area Working Group

Monday, 28th November, 2022

MEETING OF SOUTH BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP HELD IN THE LAVERY ROOM AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor Bunting (Chairperson); and
Councillors Gormley, Groogan, T. Kelly, Lyons,
McAteer, McDonough-Brown, McKeown, Murray
and Spratt.

In attendance: Mr. J. Greer, Director of Economic Development;
Mr. F. Grant, Assets Development Manager;
Mr. D. Logan, Project Manager, Physical Programmes;
and
Mr. H. Downey, Democratic Services Officer

Apologies

No apologies were reported.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of 10th October and 7th November were approved by the Working Group.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Request to Present - Edenderry Village Energy Co-operative

The Working Group agreed to receive at a future meeting a presentation on the work of the Edenderry Village Energy Co-operative.

Expansion of Belfast Bikes Scheme 2022/23

The Director of Economic Development submitted for the Working Group's consideration the following report:

"1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

- 1.1 To update the Working Group on the status of the Belfast Bikes expansion scheme and to agree final locations for next phase of expansion.**

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Working Group is requested to:

- note the current status of the Belfast Bikes expansion scheme; and
- agree final locations for the next phase of expansion.

3.0 Main Report

Background

- 3.1 The Belfast Bikes scheme was launched in 2015, as part of the Council's physical investment programme. The Department for Regional Development provided initial capital funding for the scheme as part of its Active Travel Demonstration Projects budget. The scheme launched with a network of 30 docking stations and 300 bikes. The scheme has been operated by NSL continually since inception, using bikes and supporting infrastructure from 'Nextbike' by TIER. The scheme currently operates with 573 bikes (including those in reserve for new stands) and 50 docking stations.**

Current Expansion Status

- 3.2 The City Growth and Regeneration Committee, on 12th May 2021, granted approval for an additional four Belfast Bikes docking stations to be deployed using DFI Active Travel funding. Installation began in Q1 2022/23 and the current status is as follows:**

- Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre was installed on 7th July 2022 and is operational;
- Olympia Leisure Centre was installed on 25th October 2022 and is operational;
- Kennedy Centre installation has been postponed due to delays by the supplier - it is expected to be operational by late November; and
- Waterworks installation has been postponed due to delays by the supplier - it is expected to be operational by late November;

An additional station at Titanic Quarter was completed in May 2022, funded by developer contribution.

Future Expansion 2022/23

- 3.3 The City Growth and Regeneration Committee, on 9th June 2021, agreed to proceed with 15 docking stations, details of**

which have been circulated. An investment of approximately £525,000 is required, based on cost estimates from previous network expansions. The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, on 18th June 2021, agreed to invest £500,000 in the expansion proposal.

- 3.4 Eight stations will be installed in the upcoming phase, which should be completed by 31st March, 2023. Seven stations will follow in the next phase the following year (2023/24).
- 3.5 The following areas were agreed previously by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, with the final locations of each docking station to be agreed through the Area Working Groups:
- North: Yorkgate and Shore Road
 - West: St. Mary's College and Shankill Road
 - South: Lisburn Road and Malone Road
 - East: Castlereagh Road, Upper Newtownards Road.
- 3.6 Options and recommendations for each location will be presented during the meeting, for discussion and agreement by the Working Group.
- 3.7 The options for the Malone Road area are:
- Elms Village
 - Danesfort
- 3.8 The options for the Lisburn Road area are:
- Drumglass Park
 - Lisburn Road (opposite Tesco)
- 3.9 A site expansion matrix was previously agreed by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee for future expansion and has been circulated. Although it is not required for determining the final locations in this phase, it has been used to help demonstrate the application of this matrix.

Financial and Resource Implications

- 3.10 There are no specific financial or resource implications contained within this report.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

- 3.11 None.”

After discussion, the Working Group agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that Drumglass Park and the Elms Village be selected for the next phase of the Belfast Bikes Scheme in South Belfast.

Update on Physical Programme

The Working Group considered the following report:

“1. Introduction

The Council’s Physical Programme covers projects under a range of funding streams including the Capital Programme, the Leisure Transformation Programme, the Local Investment Fund (LIF), the Belfast Investment Fund (BIF), Social Outcomes Fund (SOF) and the new Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund (NRF); in addition, the programme covers projects that the Council is delivering in behalf of other agencies. This report outlines the status of projects under the Physical Programme.

2. Recommendations

The Working Group is asked to:

- i note the physical programme update for South Belfast, and;
- ii note the project movements for Coffee Culture (BIF46) and Arts and Digital Hub (BIF48) to BIF *Stage 2 - Uncommitted* and the respective funding allocations as part of the Sandy Row Area projects.

3. Local Investment Fund (LIF)

Members are reminded LIF is a £9m fixed programme of capital investment in non-council neighbourhood assets, over two tranches: LIF 1 (2012-2015) - £5m total funding pot, allocated across each AWG areas; and LIF 2 (2015 -2019) - £4m allocation. Each LIF project proposal is taken through a Due Diligence process prior to any funding award. The table below outlines funding spend to date for each tranche, at key stages of the delivery process: 24 projects received ‘In Principle’ letters under LIF1 and LIF2, of which 21 have been completed; 1 project at delivery stage, 1 at pre-construction stage and 1 project still at initial stage. Further details of these are outlined below.

LIF breakdown – South	LIF 1		LIF 2	
<i>Stage/ Description:</i>	<i>No. Projects</i>	<i>Amount (£)</i>	<i>No. Projects</i>	<i>Amount/ (£)</i>
Number of Projects Completed	12 (92%)	£1,053,600	9 (82%)	£676,000
Number of Projects in Delivery			1 (9%)	£80,000

Number of Projects in Pre-construction			1 (9%)	£40,000
Number of Project in Initial Stage (Due Diligence)	1 (8%)	£30,000		
Total Number of Approved Projects	13	£1,083,600	11	£796,000

The table below provides an overview of progress and actions around the remaining live projects – Holylands Area Improvement Initiative (£80,000), Finaghy Bridge (£30,000) and The Lock House (£40,000). Members are asked to note the status of the live LIF projects and the ongoing actions.

LIF Ref	Project	Funding	Stage	Status	Action/ Recommendation
SLIF2-07	Holylands Area Improvement Initiative	£80,000	On ground	Contractor on site at present and will completion at the end of November 22. Pilot of 14 trees (Jerusalem Street, Palestine Street and Carmel Street)	Continue engagement with the contractor, group and partners
SLIF2-13	LORAG- The Lock House	£40,000	Design stage	Partnership project with UV. Letter of Offer received. At detailed design stage and planning application has been submitted. Contractor to start landscaping work in December 2022, with main contractor to start in Feb 2023.	Continued engagement with the group; engagement with UV regarding overall project and spending profile.
SLIF017	Finaghy Bridge	£30,000	Design stage	Dfl Roads Highways Team are taking the lead on design and the Council will contribute the LIF funding to Dfl.	Continue engagement with Dfl Roads.

4. **Belfast Investment Fund (BIF)**

Members are reminded BIF is a £28m investment fund for regeneration partnership projects, with a minimum £250k investment from Council BIF – South Belfast was allocated

£5.5m; with additional £500k ringfenced for new areas (outer South) that had joined the District area under Local Government Reform. In South Belfast, 6 projects received an in-principle funding commitment, thereby fully allocating its £5.5m, and £500k pot of funding. Each project is taken through a 3-stage approval process, including a rigorous Due Diligence process before any Funding Agreement is approved and put in place.

Summary of BIF Allocated Projects

South	Stage 3—Lagan Gateway—£2.1m; Lanyon Tunnels—£1.3m; Bredagh GAC- £700k Stage 1— Coffee Culture, and Arts & Digital Hub (BSCR IT Exam Centre project) and Sandy Row Open Space project [Sandy Row area projects, formerly Gilpins]— £1.35m <i>Stage 1—Belfast Islamic Centre—no commitment</i>
Balmoral DEA	Stage 3 - Knockbreda Parish Church Hall—£250k Stage 2— Linfield FC/ Boys Brigade and Belvoir FC—£250k

Ref	Project	Funding	Stage	Status	Action/Recommendation
BIF04	Lagan Gateway	£2.1m	On ground	Phase 1 complete and bridge pier murals complete. Design of Phase 2 of the project underway and match funding application made to DfI for Phase 2. Consultation complete and planning in early 2023. Members are receiving a separate update on this project at the AWG.	Continue engagement with the group and key stakeholders.
BIF19	Bredagh GAC	£700,000	Tender stage	Tender process for refurbishment complete and awaiting Tender Award. Due Diligence process is almost complete with access to adjacent land for duration of contract confirmed. Contractor expected to be appointed following DD meeting in mid-December 2022.	Continue engagement with the group.

BIF07	Lanyon Tunnels	£1.3m	Stage 3-Committed	Urban Villages has been approached as potential funder in place of SIF. Ongoing discussions with group, DfC and TEO. Surveys and reports collated and sent to Planning. The business case is under consideration by DfC.	Officer engagement with Executive Office and DfC as key funders, and key stakeholders.
BIF33	Linfield FC/ Boys Brigade and Belvoir FC	£250,000	Stage 3-Committed	Update as previously reported: Proposal for Phase 1A of larger sports hub project –Belvoir FC's grass football pitch, road access works and resurfacing carpark. Planning consent for wider development in place. Wider masterplan requires funding hence project has stagnated. NIHE have agreed in principle the land disposal and have instructed their solicitor accordingly. The Boys Brigade and Project Promoter are working with officers to fulfil the Due Diligence requirements.	Continue to engage with all stakeholders regarding the wider masterplan. More focussed liaison with Belvoir FC. Project Officers to attend forthcoming steering group with BB/Linfield FC regarding moving Phase 1A forward.
BIF46	Coffee Culture	£286,519	Stage 1-Emerging <i>Part of Sandy Row Area projects</i>	Partnership project with UV. Letter of Offer approved. Funding package via UV, DfC, SOF and BIF. Due Diligence process is now complete for this stage.	Move to Stage 2-Uncommitted. Project progressing to detailed design.

BIF48	Sandy Row Arts and Digital Hub	£584,167	Stage 1- Emerging <i>Part of Sandy Row Area projects</i>	Partnership project with UV. Business Case progressing. In August 2022, SAWG agreed to increase the total funding allocation to £584,167 so that UV Letter of Offer can be released. Due Diligence process is now complete for this stage.	Move to Stage 2- Uncommitted. Project progressing to detailed design.
BIF47	Sandy Row Open Space project	£479,314*	Stage 1- Emerging <i>Part of Sandy Row Area projects</i>	Work is progressing, location being confirmed with an exploration of potential opportunities in terms of final project, urban farm to allotments or a mixed development based on community needs. <i>*The remaining balance of the ringfenced allocation for the Sandy Row Area projects</i>	Continue engagement with the group.

5. Social Outcomes Fund

SOF is £4m ringfenced capital investment programme with a focus on local community tourism projects. 3 projects in South Belfast received an in-principle funding commitment. Similar to LIF and BIF, all projects are subject to Due Diligence process prior to any funding award. Members are asked to note the progress update of each project in the table below.

SOF – South Belfast Projects Overview

Project	Award	Status and update	Action/ Recommendation
SOF04 Belfast South Community Resources (SRCF)	£80,000	On Ground. Development of a Tourism Trail to complement the Transport Hub. Council as acting as delivery agent for the project and will assist in the maintenance of signage as part of the council-wide upkeep of tourism signage.	Continue engagement with the group

		Project on site and should be completed by late November 2022.	
SOF02 Coffee Culture	£100,000	As above at BIF46. Partnership project with UV. Letter of Offer approved. Funding package via UV, DfC, SOF and BIF. Due Diligence process is now complete for this stage.	Continue engagement with the group and key stakeholders.

6. Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund

The Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund is a £10m capital fund to help groups deliver capital projects that will make a real, long-term difference in their communities. On 7th November 2022, the Working Group considered the feedback on *Stage 1- Applications* in the South Belfast area and made recommendations to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on which applications they wish to move forward to *Stage 2 – Development Stage*. In line with the agreed process, the outcome of special AWGs has been taken through the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and are now subject to Council ratification on 1st December.

7. Capital Programme

The Capital Programme is a rolling programme to either enhance existing Council assets or build / buy new assets or facilities. Table below provides an update on current live projects South Belfast area. Members are asked to note status and update.

South Belfast – Capital Programme Overview

Project	Status and Update
Alleygating Phase 5 – City wide	<i>Stage 3 – Committed.</i> Approved at SP&R Committee on Sept 2022 with the list of alleygates to be taken forward.
Palm House, Botanic Gardens	<i>Stage 1 – Emerging.</i> Link to Tropical Ravine
Belfast Bikes Expansion	Further expansion – there is a separate report being presented to Members at this AWG on Belfast Bikes proposed locations.

8. Externally Funded Programmes

The Council is the delivery partner for several government department on key capital investment programmes, namely Social Investment Fund (SIF) and Urban Villages (UV) from the Executive Office as well as a number of schemes with DfC and

DfI. The following is an overview of projects within each programme relevant to South Belfast.

Urban Villages Initiative

Table below is the status update on UV projects in South Belfast – note the UV programme has a defined South Belfast geography (Sandy Row; Donegall Pass and Markets).

UV – South Belfast Projects Overview

Project	Status and update
Coffee Culture <i>SOF and BIF</i>	As above at BIF46. Partnership project with UV. Letter of Offer approved. Funding package via UV, DfC, SOF and BIF. Due Diligence process is now complete for this stage.
The Lockhouse— Gateway to the River / Walkway	As above at SLIF2-13. Partnership project with UV. Letter of Offer approved. At design stage and planning application has been submitted. Contractor will start landscaping work in November 2022.
Sandy Row Arts and Digital Hub <i>BIF (formerly IT Exam Centre)</i>	Partnership project with UV. Business Case progressing. In August 2022, SAWG agreed to increase the total funding allocation to £584,167 so that UV Letter of Offer can be released. Due Diligence process is now complete for this stage.
Accidental Theatre (Shaftesbury Square)	Business Case at preliminary stage and progressing.

DfC Funded Projects

Below is the status update on project funded by Department for Communities in South Belfast.

DfC – South Belfast Projects Overview

Project	Status and update
Belfast Islamic Centre – Renovations of Aldersgate House, University Rd	The Council is the delivery agent for this project. Working in conjunction with BIC and DfC the project has commenced on site as of the 15 August 2022.
Holylands Alleygating and Cleansing Project	Project progressing. Link to the citywide Alleygating Phase 5 project.
Strangford Playing Fields	Feasibility study completed. Potential funding sources are being explored with discussions ongoing with DfC. Officers have submitted an application to DfC Access and Inclusion Fund.

DfI Funded Projects

Below is the status update on project funded by Department for Infrastructure in South Belfast.

DfI – South Belfast Projects Overview

Project	Status and update
Lagan Gateway	As above as BIF04. Underway.
Finaghy Bridge	As above at SLIF017. Design stage.
Covered cycle stands Phase 1	<i>Via Revitalisation Programme (DfC, DfI)</i> Belvoir Activity Centre and Mary Peters Track – installed. Project completed.
Covered cycle stands Phase 2	<i>Via DfI Active Travel Enablers Blue and Green Infrastructure Fund</i> Botanic Gardens, Ormeau Park - Currently in production and due for installation by May 2023. Potential additional locations: Cherryvale Park, Shaftesbury Centre, Musgrave Park.
Expansion of Belfast Bikes Network	<i>Via Revitalisation Programme (DfC, DfI)</i> The new station at Olympia in South has been installed. Further stations are also under development via the Council funded scheme."

During discussion, the Chairperson drew the Working Group's attention to the Linfield FC/Boys' Brigade/Belvoir FC project (BIF33) referred to within the report and pointed out that the £250k of BIF funding had been allocated for the provision of a grass pitch for Belvoir Football Club, as part of a wider masterplan involving the three partner organisations.

She referred to the significant delay in commencing the wider project and confirmed that Belvoir Football Club had informed Linfield Football Club and the Boys' Brigade that it now wished to decouple the grass pitch project from the wider project and move forward with this separately and was requesting the Council to approve the proposal.

After discussion, the Working Group agreed that a report be presented to a special meeting in January addressing the request in greater detail.

Update on Lagan Gateway Scheme - Phase 2

The Project Manager provided the Working Group with an update on Phase 2 of the Lagan Gateway Scheme, which would create a shared walking/cycling greenway connection between Phase 1 and Belvoir Park Forest.

He provided a brief overview of the environmental improvement works which would be required and confirmed that a recent public consultation had provided an opportunity for comments to be made in advance of the submission of the planning application for Phase 2 of the project. The vast majority of respondents were in support

of a proposed greenway and the following potential amendments would be inputted into the final design, in response to concerns which had been raised by the public and other stakeholders:

- felled trees would be replaced, where appropriate, to ensure that the character of the site was retained;
- the final design would consider the arrangement of routes and widths, with all surface materials to be considered throughout the design process and natural materials being preferable to retain the natural character of the site;
- picnic and public spaces would be considered as part of the revised scheme;
- where appropriate, gates would be removed to improve access for all;
- additional bins would be located along the route;
- the need for interpretive panels would be considered in the development of a signage strategy, as part of the next stage of detailed design; and
- cycle stands would be considered at either end of the route but not along the route itself.

He added that, where comments had not led to changes in the proposed development, mitigation measures had, where required, been identified to reduce the potential impact of the proposed development.

In terms of next steps:

- the project board responsible for delivering the scheme would be updated on discussions arising at this meeting;
- the outcomes from the consultation would be published on the Council's 'You Said, We Did' consultation hub;
- a request would be presented to the Planning Service for a further Pre-Application Discussion, now that the consultation had taken place, in line with the Planners' suggestion;
- the Project Team would prepare for the Planning process; and
- Site Investigation work would be carried out in January/February 2023 to inform the design process.

Finally, the Project Manager pointed out that an application had been made to the DfI Green and Blue Infrastructure Fund for additional support for this project. This potential funding would be a key requirement for the design process and if, confirmed, would have a timeline for specific expenditure by the end of March, 2023.

In response to points which had been raised by Members around the need for sensory provision in picnic and play areas, for wheelchair and other accessibility, for effective communication/information and for facilities to be in keeping with their natural surroundings, he confirmed that those were being addressed within the design process. He also provided details of the forthcoming site investigation works and on the enhancement of some elements of Phase 1 of the project.

The Working Group noted the information which had been provided and agreed that the provision of a Belfast Bikes docking station be given priority within the overall Phase 2 project plan, subject to budget.

Chairperson

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Subject:	Update on Physical Programme - Forth Meadow Community Greenway Public Art Sculpture Plaque
Date:	16th December, 2022
Reporting Officer:	Sinead Grimes, Director of Physical Programmes
Contact Officer:	Shauna Murtagh, Programme Manager

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

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The Council's Physical Programme currently includes 170 capital projects with investment of £150m+ via a range of internal and external funding streams, together with projects which the Council delivers on behalf of external agencies. The Council's Capital Programme forms part of the Physical Programme and is a rolling programme of investment which either improves existing Council facilities or provides new facilities. One of the projects currently underway is Forth Meadow Community Greenway, a Peace IV funded project. In addition to the 12km of greenway, there are a number of pieces of public art, one main art piece and five smaller floor art pieces. The Committee is asked to give consideration to the installation of a plaque to accompany the main art piece 'Carry Each Other' which will be located at the roundabout at the entrance to the Innovation Factory.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Installation of Plaque ‘Carry Each Other’ Sculpture – note the update on the wording for the plaque to accompany the ‘Carry Each Other’ sculpture, as part of the Forth Meadow Community Greenway and note that the proposal is for the wording on the plaque to be in both English and Irish.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Committee will be aware that Forth Meadow Community Greenway is an ambitious and transformational Peace IV funded scheme. It will see the development of a new 12km urban greenway in West Belfast with work underway.</p> <p>Section 1 – Glencairn, works complete with the exception of the signage package</p> <p>Section 2 – Springvale Park works underway due for completion May 2023</p> <p>Section 3 – Falls Parks, works complete with the exception of the signage package</p> <p>Section 4 – Bog Meadows, works complete with the exception of the signage package</p> <p>Section 5 – Westlink to Transport Hub, planning application submitted for the erection of signage and directional markers along the route.</p>
3.2	<p>In addition to the greenway, the scheme also includes a number of pieces of public art. These include five pieces of floor art, located in each section of the greenway. The Chair of the Shared City Partnership and some local school children recently unveiled the floor art piece in Glencairn Park (see Appendix 1). The main art piece entitled ‘Carry Each Other’ will be located to the left of the roundabout at the entrance to the Innovation Factory (see Appendix 2). The artist Sara Cunningham-Bell’s piece is a 7-metre-high figure carrying a child (see Appendix 3). As part of the commission, there were numerous public engagement events which included draw, walk, share sessions with local Councillors, the volunteer walking and cycling groups involved in the greenway and many local schools. The drawings prepared by these groups have been incorporated into the floor art pieces and to the child’s jacket. The main sculpture will be installed early 2023 therefore the plaque must be designed, ordered, manufactured and installed to accompany the piece and give some context to the piece.</p>
3.3	<p>The Committee is asked to note that a request has been received from Conradh na Gaelige for full provision of bilingual signage, including direction signage, health and safety signage, panels and information boards, and all other markers, signs along the route of the greenway. Officers are currently reviewing this request in line with conditions contained within the Letter of Offer and the brand identity guidelines – Forth Meadow Community Greenway – on common ground.</p>

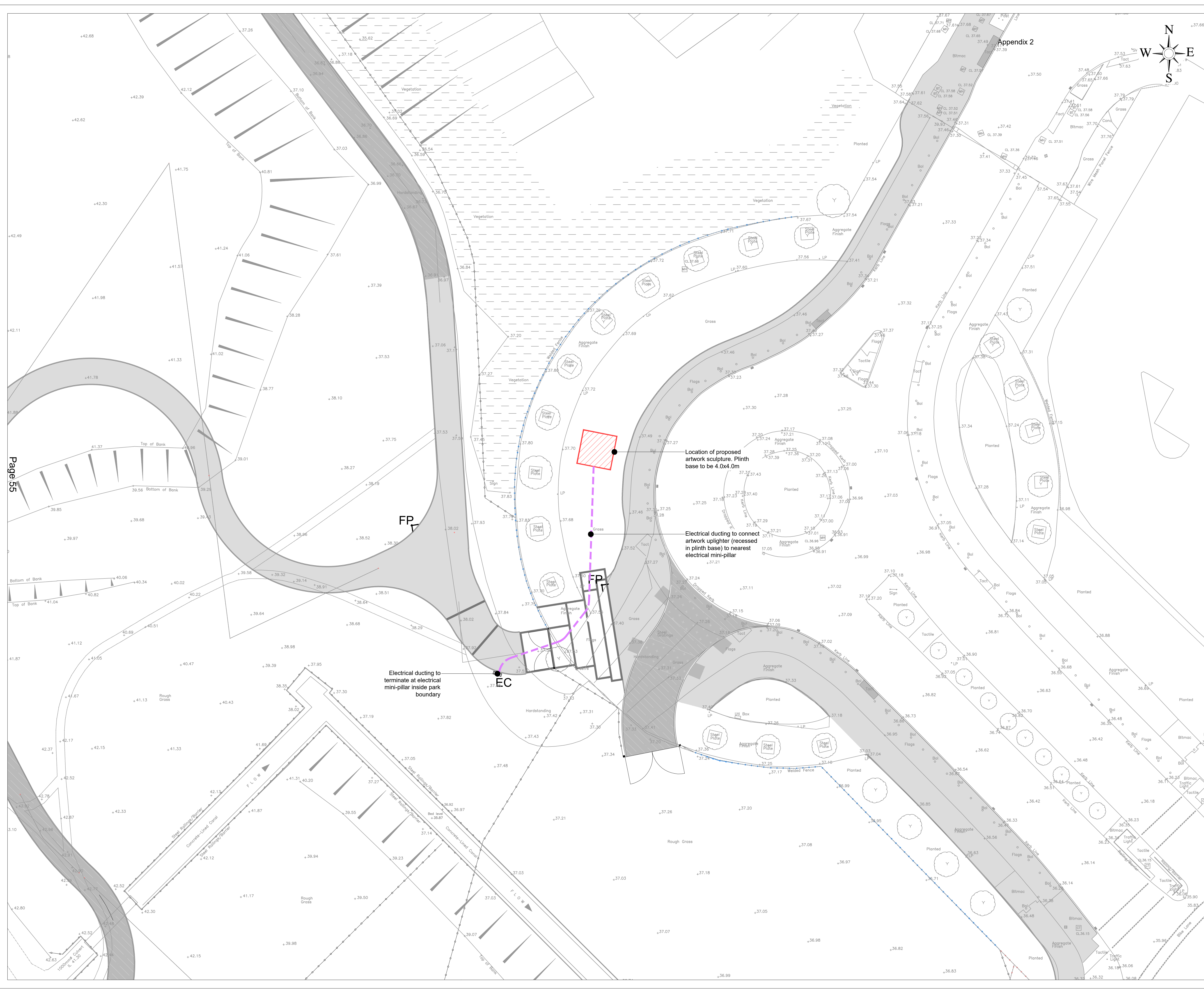
	An update on this will be brought to a future meeting of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee. In the interim and to ensure that the sculpture can be installed early in 2023. The Committee is asked to note that the wording on the plaque to accompany the sculpture is proposed to be in English and Irish.
	<u>Financial and Resources Implications</u>
3.4	<p><i>Financial</i> – Funding has been received from SEUPB Peace IV Programme for construction of Forth Meadow Community Greenway and the associated art pieces.</p> <p><i>Resources</i> – Officer time to deliver as required</p>
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.5	All capital projects are screened as part of the stage approval process.
4.0	<u>Documents Attached</u>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Floor art piece in Glencairn Park</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Location of ‘Carry Each Other’ Sculpture</p> <p>Appendix 3 – ‘Carry Each Other’ Sculpture</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Plaque to accompany sculpture</p>

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Glencairn Park Floor Art





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 Plan location of proposed artwork sculpture

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Scale of Proposal - Context

Appendix 3



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CREATIVE DESIGN : SUSTAINABLE APPROACH



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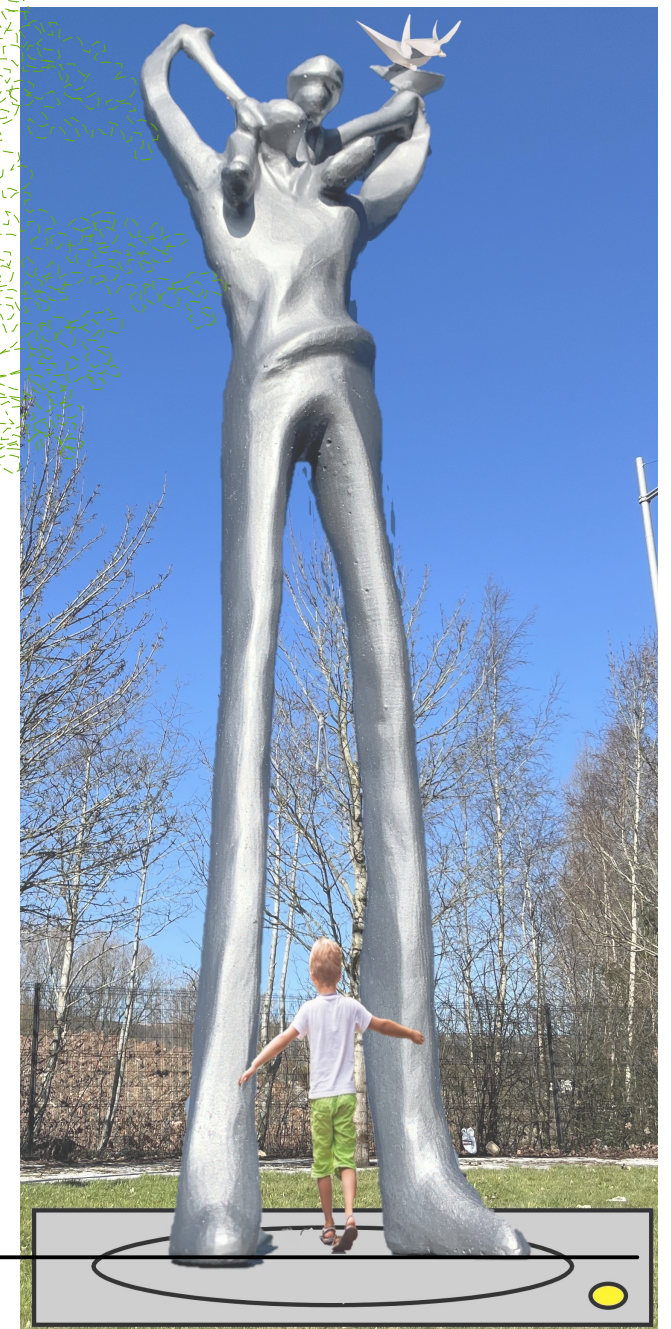
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Walk under - like a bridge



Proposed Sculpture
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Sculptor: Sara Cunningham-Bell

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Subject:	Minutes of the Meeting of the Shared City Partnership
Date:	16th December, 2022
Reporting Officer:	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	David Robinson, Leish Dolan; Good Relations Unit and Debbie McKinney, PEACE IV

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To update the Committee on the key issues discussed at the Shared City Partnership meeting held on 5th December and seek approval of the minutes.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is requested to note the contents of this report and approve the minutes of the meeting of 5th December, including the following recommendations:
	<u>PEACE IV</u>
2.2	Secretariat
	The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report.

2.3	<p>CYP3: On the Right Track (OTRT)</p> <p>The Partnership noted the contents of the report and related appendices and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Note the position of this contract remained at risk and all measures were being pursued to address the under delivery and current status of project; <p>CYP 5 NIHE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Note the revised budgets indicating delivery to February 2023 and as noted to extend the Finance Officer and Programme Manager roles and the salary increase to March 2023.
2.4	<p>BPR Theme</p> <p>The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree in principle:</p> <p>BPR 1 – NIHE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The request for Finance Officer and Programme Manager roles to be extended to early March 2023 to ensure all documentation could be submitted and verified to allow achievement of a successful closure process within the timeframe of the Council’s Letter of Offer; - To note the decision from the delivery partner not to continue with the East Belfast Network for the reasons outlined in the report; <p>BPR 3 - Local Action Plan Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To note that all projects were completed in November; - To note the two remaining study visits that sit with Council to deliver would not be achieved; <p>BPR 5 - LINCS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To note that the project would complete at the end of November with a small, localised event planned to capture completion of the leadership programme and overall completion of the project;

2.5	<p>BPR 5 - Traveller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To note that the final event was cancelled due to low commitment to attend. The proposed approach would be to showcase the collective exhibition artworks in the new year at a central location; <p>BPR6 St. Comgall's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To agree that the extension agreed in November by the Members to 31st January 2023 to allow for changes to materials to be implemented, to be instead processed through to 28th February 2023 for prudence, this was within the original contract terms (a contract renewal); <p>BPR Cinematography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To agree an extension to 28th February for Cinematography. This was to allow all filming to be captured for projects that had been extended (SSS, NIHE projects). <p>It was also agreed the Peace IV Programme Officer would liaise with NIHE in respect of a specific BPR programme date.</p> <p>SSS Theme</p> <p>The Partnership noted the contents of the report and related appendices and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narratives/Interpretative Panel – Mediation NI - Note that the contact hours achievement level was to be discussed and agreed with SEUPB; • Youth Civic Education – Youth Link NI - Note an extension of the Youth Civic Education project to 28 February 2023; - Note the additional / alternative activity for schools (Crumlin Rd Gaol) and day trips - Agree a possible contract uplift of no more than 10% (£16,000) subject to the submission of a budget breakdown and availability of support within the SSS programme budget; - Note that delegated authority had been given to the CYP Chair and BPR Chair to agree the finalised contract uplift, subject to the above confirmation.
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2.6	<p><u>GOOD RELATIONS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Good Relations Audit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to feed back any comments on the draft Audit to Peter Osborne by 14th December 2022; • Agreed that a finalised Audit and draft 2023/24 Good Relations Action Plan be submitted to Members at its January meeting, prior to submission to The Executive Office. 2. Recommended that funding be awarded under the BCC7 Interfaces Programme within the Council's Good Relations Action Plan as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Oldpark Community Association; £4,927 towards their NOW (Neighbours Over the Wall) programme; • Limestone United Football Club: £1,000 towards a youth engagement programme
2.7	<p><u>PEACEPLUS</u></p> <p>That Members of the Partnership noted the contents of the report, provided feedback and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed that Stage 1 facilitated engagement process closed as outlined in the report; - Provided feedback on the process for finalising the Stage 1 report; - Agreed to the general process for commencing Stage 2 for developing the local action plan.
3.0	<p>Main Report</p>
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Shared City Partnership is a Working Group of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee which consists of Elected members and representatives from various sectors across the city. The minutes from the Partnership are brought before the Committee for approval on a monthly basis.</p>
3.2	<p>The key issues on the agenda at the November meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Good Relations Audit • PEACE IV -Update on Secretariat • PEACEV IV - Update on CYP Theme • PEACE IV Update on BPR Theme

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEACE IV - Update on SSS Theme • Good Relations Action Plan Funding allocations for Interfaces Programme (BCC7) • Update on PEACE PLUS – Local Community Peace Action Plan <p>More details regarding the above issues and recommendations are included in the attached minutes of the meeting.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All financial implications are covered through existing budgets</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The recommendations of the Partnership promote the work of the Council in promoting good relations and will enhance equality and good relations impacts.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	Minutes of the meeting of 5 th December

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SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Monday 5th December, 2022

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor Kyle (Chairperson);
Councillors Hutchinson, Lyons, McCullough and O'Hara.

External Members: Mr. J. Donnelly, Community and Voluntary Sector,
Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Ms. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. W. Naeem, Faith Sector;
Mr. A. Irvine, Faith Sector;
Mr. M. McBride, Education Authority;
Mr. S. Hamilton, Belfast Chamber of Commerce;
Ms. A. M. White, British Red Cross; and
Mr. A. Hannaway, NIHE.

In attendance: Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE IV Programme Manager;
Mr. D. Robinson, Good Relations Officer;
Ms. N. Lane, Neighbourhood Services Manager;
Ms. V. Smyth, Democratic Services Officer;

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf Councillor Carson, Ms. A. Tohill, Superintendent Ford and Mr. P. Anderson.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 7th November, 2022 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

Mr. J. Donnelly declared an interest in 2b Children and Young People Update. He also advised that his daughter had been co-opted as an Elected Member of Belfast City Council on 1st December 2022.

Ms. B. Arthurs declared an interest in item 3(a) Good Relations Updates – Funding Requests Update Paper at 3.3 and 3.7.

Presentation on Update on Good Relations Audit

The Chairperson advised that, due to a bereavement, Mr P. Osborne of Rubicon Consulting was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, the Good Relations Officer provided the Shared City Partnership with an update on the work being undertaken on the Good Relations Audit.

The Members were reminded that every three years, as part of its Letter of Offer from the Executive Office for its Good Relations Programme, the Council must undertake an independent audit of the Good Relations issues and needs within the City. Provision for the audit was included in the 2022/23 Good Relations Action Plan, as agreed by the Members in February this year. Following a procurement process, Mr. P. Osborne of Rubicon Consulting was awarded the contract to develop the Audit and associated Good Relations Action Plans.

The Good Relations Officer presented the key activities which had been undertaken to date as outlined in the draft audit report for the Partnership's consideration:

- Carried out a community survey with c.75 responses to date;
- Carried out a survey of all staff at Belfast City Council with c.85 responses to date;
- Facilitated an Elected Member survey with 13 replies to date;
- Conducted approximately ten interviews;
- Facilitated focus groups with over 40 participants;
- Engaged directly with elected representatives from three political parties to date;
- Engaged with senior managers from the Council's City and Neighbourhood Services Department as well as all Council senior directors.

The Good Relations Officer further presented the key issues identified to date both internally within the Council and externally within the City. He brought the Members' attention to other insights contained within the report which the research had uncovered, that is, sectarianism and racism were still a significant issue. Discussion ensued around these issues as well as homophobic attacks, and matters relating to environmental and community engagement. A Member asked what needed to be done to deal with sectarianism, what wasn't being done and stated that systemic change was also needed at agency and Government level. A Member added that the Good Relations focus should be interconnected, for example, sectarianism and racism should not be seen as separate issues. Another Member posed the question, could change be achieved at a community level given the 'them and us' political situation. The matter of the sustainability of communities was discussed and how this could be linked to mainstream funding. A Member provided his frontline experience of how young people in disadvantaged areas were particularly affected by the matters discussed and added that sectarianism was a system of inequality and disadvantage.

The Good Relations Officer asked the Members to consider the contents of the Audit and feed back any comments to both himself and Mr. P. Osborne by 14th December, for inclusion in a final report to be submitted to the January meeting of the Partnership. The Chairperson encouraged the Members to feed back due to the importance of the piece of work.

The Members noted the contents of this report and:

1. Agreed to feed back any comments on the draft Audit to Peter Osborne by 14th December 2022;
2. Agreed that a finalised Audit and draft 2023/24 Good Relations Action Plan be submitted to Members at its January meeting, prior to submission to The Executive Office.

Peace IV Updates

Peace IV - Update on Secretariat

The Peace IV Programme Manager provided the Members with an update in respect of the Secretariat activity associated with the implementation of the Peace IV Local Action Plan.

The Peace IV Programme Manager advised that project activity was progressing as outlined in the thematic reports, and mitigations and project extensions continued to be progressed as required to enable implementation of the programme.

She advised the Members that final clarifications were being sought which would enable CYP2 and BPR4 project closures to be completed. On the spot verifications for CYP3 and CYP4 had been arranged for December. Giga's final report for CYP1 had also been submitted by the delivery partner and was currently being reviewed. Issues relating to the CYP3 OTRT Sports project continued to be addressed by the Programme Manager and Leisure Manager.

The Members were requested to note that the NIHE revised budgets, discussed in November's meeting, had been submitted by SEUPB to their Steering Group for consideration. This would allow SEUPB to enable changes on the eMS system for the issue of revised Letters of Offer. The Members also noted that further mitigations for the Traveller, Roma and SSS Narratives project had been considered by the Programme Board and modifications would be progressed formally with SEUPB.

The Programme Manager reported that a review of workplan deliverables was progressing to identify gaps and future activity would be coordinated by the PEACE IV team.

An event was being held on 7th December at Girdwood Community Hub, with researcher Paul Nolan, to discuss his recent work with NISRA on the 2021 Census findings. It would provide an opportunity for those who are involved in peace work to look at the findings in more detail and discuss their implications.

The Members heard how resource pressures across the PEACE IV team continued. The Council was now providing additional support on claim submissions. The Members noted that the risks associated with resource pressures had been noted on the PEACE IV risk register and had been escalated to senior management. Options to address the staffing issues were currently being explored.

As previously reported, following written confirmation of the extended delivery timeframe, staff contracts had now been extended to March or June 2023 in line with delivery timeframes. The PEACE IV team was progressing key priorities, including project modifications, project closures, updating of monitoring and evaluation.

The Programme Manager reported that expenditure across the programme totalled £7.87m, with a reimbursement of £6.2m to date. Preparation of the Period 32 claim was currently progressing, the value of which was estimated at £855k. The Council's resource pressures were causing some delay in responding to SEUPB requests to progress claims reimbursement. The Members noted that discussions had taken place with SEUPB on prioritising the reimbursement of outstanding NIHE claims given the delivery partner's backlog of claims.

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

Peace IV - Update on CYP Theme

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

To provide the Shared City Partnership (SCP) with a progress report in respect of the Children and Young People’s (CYP) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

The Partnership is requested to note the contents of the report and related appendices and recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to

CYP 3 On the Right Track (OTRT)

- Note the position of this contract remains at risk and all measures are being pursued to address the under delivery and current status of project.

CYP 5 NIHE

- Note the revised budgets indicating delivery to February 2023 and as noted to extend the finance officer and programme manager roles and the salary increase to March 2023.

3.0 Main report

Project Updates

3.1 CYP 1-TECH CONNECTS, GIGA Training (Afterschool’s and Digital Arts Academies’ Camps)

(6-11, 12-16 yr. olds)

Members are advised this project is moving to completion. The delivery agent has submitted the final report, which is currently being reviewed. The M&E evidence shows the figures having completed as below. An onsite visit is to be scheduled to verify retention of records etc and close the contract with final payment.

Delivery Agent	Sessions	Target	Completed	Variance
GIGA Training	6-11-Year-Olds	494	484	-10
GIGA Training	12-16-Year-Olds	365	360	- 5
Previous Delivery agent	Tech Connects 2018/2019	133	133	0
	Total	992	977	-15

98.5% complete against target.

3.2 CYP 1 – TECH CONNECTS, Belfast Metropolitan College (Digital Insights Programme)

(17-24 yr. olds)

In line with the approval to extend to 31 January 2023, a contract addendum has been prepared and forwarded for signing to Belfast Metropolitan College.

As outlined in previous highlight reports, the scheduled intakes were impacted by last minute cancellations, participants no longer being available, and by staff absences due to illness. However, delivery is ongoing for November/ December with new cohorts and efforts continuing around recruitment.

The November Programme Board, noted the anticipated completion level of 104 participants, 6 less than the previously approved and amended target of 110. Discussions are to be progressed with SEUPB, on the acceptance of this level of achievement given the approved reduction as presented in the Business case was from 160 to 110.

Total	104 from a target of 160	56 remaining against original target of 160
	104 from a target of 110	6 remaining against target of 110

3.3 CYP 2 – Playing our Part in the City

An On-the-Spot Verification/Site Visit took place during October and a report issued to the project for further clarification. On receipt of the final clarification, the final payment will be released.

Total	610 young people from a target of 640	Progressing to Closure
	123 Parents from a target of 100	

3.4 CYP3 – On the Right Track – Sports and Personal Change elements

There is currently no live programming for OTRT. The last partnership completed delivery on the 11th November with 42 participants completing the 26 required hours. Recruitment of further clubs / participants is temporarily on hold as there is no Project Officer in post.

Officers have met with the delivery partner to discuss the current position and ascertain next steps. A full review of monitoring data and report on status has been provided for review. The report highlights the position as presented in this table. It is anticipated

that an update will be presented to Members at the December meeting.

There are currently 811 registered participants with 547 completing the required 26hours.

Hours Status	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total Participants
Completed OCN & Hours	210	51	40	136	437
Incomplete OCN	111	77	25	51	264
VRQ & Sports Leaders COMPLETED	29	57	24		110
	<u>350</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>1787</u>	<u>811</u>

Total	547 completed from a target of 1260	713 remaining to achieve target figure of 1260 264 registered but have not achieved hrs of engagement
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Personal Change – Delivered by Extern

As previously reported, the final report and additional supporting information and evidence has been submitted. An On-the-Spot Verification Site Visit is being progressed.

Total	42 from a target of 42	0 remaining – Progressing to Closure
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3.5 CYP 4 – Cooperation Ireland (Young Advocates)

As previously reported, a final signed closure report together with supporting evidence has now been submitted. Officers are reviewing all information and an On-the-Spot Verification Site Visit is to be arranged.

Total	87 from a target of 80	+ 7 achieved – Progressing to closure
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3.6 CYP 5 – NIHE Local Area Network Partner Delivery

NIHE's request for extension has been approved in principle which will allow delivery to February 2023. A revised implementation plan has been requested.

The revised budget has been submitted with some minor queries raised and NIHE are progressing returns.

The additional request for retention of finance officer and programme manager to March 2023 has been requested. However, this may have implications on the current Peace IV Letter of offers

which also complete in March 2023. NIHE have been advised of this position with the potential to complete early March.

Consideration must be given to the potential of delayed paperwork and time allotted for the Peace IV team to collate and submit paperwork for this and other project closures.

Total	352 from a target of 304 120 Core Participants 232 Peer Participants	+ 48 over target
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3.7 Financial and Resource Implications

The financial position is as previously reported, with claims up to Period 31, valued at £1.92m submitted to SEUPB for reimbursement and expected claim for Period 32 at £83k for BCC, £17k for NIHE and total £100k. To date £1.665m has been reimbursed.

3.8 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

The draft plan has been equality screened and discussed at the Equality Consultative Forum on 13 May 2015. The Equality Consultative Forum was further consulted on 18 November 2020”.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and related appendices and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to:

CYP 3 On the Right Track (OTRT)

- Note the position of this contract remained at risk and all measures were being pursued to address the under delivery and current status of project;

CYP 5 NIHE

- Note the revised budgets indicating delivery to February 2023 and as noted to extend the Finance Officer and Programme Manager roles and the salary increase to March 2023.

Update on BPR Theme

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

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

2.0 Recommendations

2.1

The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the

contents of the report and related appendices and agree in principle:

BPR 1 - NIHE

- The request for finance officer and programme manager roles to be extended to early March 2023 to ensure all documentation can be submitted and verified to allow achievement of a successful closure process within the timeframe of the Council's Letter of Offer.
- To note the decision from the delivery partner not to continue with the East Belfast Network for the reasons outlined in the report.

BPR 3 - Local Action Plan Projects

- To note that all projects were completed in November
- To note the two remaining study visits that sit with council to deliver will not be achieved.

BPR 5 - LINC'S

- To note that the project will complete at the end of November with a small, localised event planned to capture completion of the leadership programme and overall completion of the project.

BPR 5 - Traveller

- To note that the final event was cancelled due to low commitment to attend. The proposed approach will be to showcase the collective exhibition artworks in the new year at a central location.

BPR6 - St Comgall's

- To agree that the extension agreed in November by members to 31 January 2023 to allow for changes to materials to be implemented, to be instead processed through to 28 February 2023 for prudence, this is within the original contract terms (a contract renewal)

BPR Cinematography

- To agree an extension to 28 February for Cinematography. This is to allow all filming to be captured for projects that have been extended (SSS, NIHE projects).

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

The status and progress with projects are outlined in Appendix I BPR-RAG report.

Projects are at various stages of delivery; some projects are completing, whilst activity is continuing with other projects.

3.1 BPR1 – Cross Community Area Networks (CCAN)

Participation levels remain consistent with 129/144 core participants and over 400/485 peer participants all pending verification.

Members are asked to refer to recommendations and agree the additional request to extend the finance officer and programme manager roles to March 2023. Budgets have been submitted to reflect this request. There is a likelihood of crossover with the Peace IV Programme Letters of Offer and therefore, delivery to the end of March 2023 will impact the time allotted to NIHE. Council's current Letter of Offer with SEUPB is only extended until 31 March 2023. Therefore, Members are asked to agree an early March completion date to be agreed with the Programme Manager and Neighbourhood Services Manager. This will ensure all documentation can be submitted and verified to allow achievement of a successful closure process.

Members will be aware of the request to progress with Quantity surveyors for the place shaping concepts. NIHE have advised they are speaking with Carlin, the agreed consultants on how engagement with the local communities to date has been achieved and recorded.

Members will be aware of the recent challenges with the East Belfast Network. NIHE were asked to consider the rationale to support the approach and continuation of the single identity group. The delivery partner has advised that this group is no longer viable as it cannot achieve the objectives of the cross-community project.

3.2 BPR2 – Creative Communities Project

The current projected position indicates 110 participants should complete by December 2022 from a reduced target figure of 144.

The review of all data, monitoring and registrations indicates current participant numbers as 156 registered. However, to date only 73 have completed 42 hours engagement.

Members to note the Culture Unit has agreed to continue the PSO post to March 2023. Therefore, delivery could continue to February 2023 dependent on agreements from existing artists and interest to continue engagement is gained from participants.

Current indications are that both the Ardoyne Woodvale and Divis Lower Shankill groups wish to complete by December 2022, with only a small number anticipated to complete the required 42hrs.

Options to address this shortfall are to explore an additional cohort which could see the final 144 target achieved. The project support officer is progressing options for a new cohort pursuing options with Shankill Women's Centre, Short Strand Community Centre and TWN- Training for Women Network.

McCadden has produced initial draft for the East cohort booklet, the publication is in a vibrant and appealing format, showcasing the sessions and works completed by this cohort. Once finalised an example will be included in papers for information. McCadden continue to work with steering group leads and artists to progress the other booklets.

3.3 BPR3 – Transform for Change Project

Transformative Leadership Programme

The local projects developed through the Action Plans completed throughout November with one final piece due to complete early December. In total, in excess of 1380 people attended or participated in these local projects.

The Black gates project will complete in December, the community event and a subsequent workshop session have helped to shape the final proposed art. All parties in Suffolk community centre, Stewartstown Road Regeneration project and Kidstogether have reviewed and agreed the final works.

A further consultation was carried out by the community engagement officer appointed to Suffolk community centre with the feedback submitted as positive.

The artist is finalising the actual works on the gates and an unveiling event is scheduled for early December. (Appendix 2, Black gates images.)

The West Garden of Reflection and the Ulster University Gaming app are the two projects that availed of additional funds to launch their projects to the communities. Each project received up to a maximum of £1500 each to utilise for unveiling their completed works to the communities. It is

anticipated up to 100 people will attend across both projects.

Processing of payments and procurement related to the local action plan projects remains an extensive piece of work and is envisaged to continue into the new year. The Thematic Project Manager continues to progress these areas to ensure final closure of all council related elements of the local action plan projects.

The two remaining study visits assigned to council for delivery will not be achieved. This is in part due to resource pressures and in large a lack of participant's interest. Scoping indicated less than 10 people were available for these events. The target is 20 participants per visit therefore it is not considered financially viable to progress.

The thematic manager is finalising all elements of closure and an on-the-spot visit is scheduled early December with the delivery partner. The Project Manager is finalising the review of documentation for closure of the Transform for Change project.

S3 solutions (Transform for Change evaluators) have met with the Thematic Manager, completed a summary, and clarified the final position of all objectives both for partner delivery and internal delivery. The Thematic Manager collated significant information and data to support S3 to complete their final evaluation report of the Transform for Change project. S3 have submitted their quarterly report and have agreed the final evaluation report will be progressed before year end.

Target	Status
45 cluster reports	48 submitted
15 case studies	13 submitted
45 TLP courses	42 achieved
934 participants	592 completed

3.4 BPR4 – BATW-Facilitation

The Belfast and the World project is complete all verification of documentation and the on-the-spot visit have been completed. The final payment has been processed.

The facilitation of the BCC element of study visits and residentials is also complete with the final study visit not realised as previously reported. Payment has been progressed and reflects the element not achieved.

3.5 BPR5 – Supporting Connected Communities - LINCS Project

The LINCS project completed at the end of November. The end report has been issued a band after review of all data submitted and verification of monitoring a date for the on-the-spot visit will be issued.

LINCS are considering the closure event. They have noted there is limited interest from participants after a long programme and a smaller low-key event has been suggested with planning under way.

The Leadership Programme has completed, and targets achieved, pending verification.

Target	Status
96 participants – to engage in 68 hrs of engagement	96 participants completed 68 hrs and over
1 Shared learning event per annum 2 Intercultural events per annum	3 achieved 14 achieved

All attendance trackers for all elements along with minutes and details of Inclusion forums have been submitted for final review.

3.6 BPR5 – Traveller Project - Supporting Connected Communities

All workshops and exhibitions have been completed and delivery of the traveller project workshops and exhibitions is now at an end. Verification of the Empowering Young Women's project documentation remains outstanding and is with the delivery agent to progress.

The Heart Project's Health and Wellbeing Exhibition took place in October had over 30 people in attendance. The women all baked breads, hosted an exhibition and spoke to their experiences. It was very well received by all present and the final work will form part of a larger event in the new year. The Heart Project has submitted all documentation and final payment has been progressed.

The project end report has been progressed by the Thematic Manager along with the submission of the quarterly report. Final verification of all monitoring documentation will form part of the end process and closure.

Target	Status
40 participants – Traveller and Settled Communities	32 completed 26 hrs or more 3 completed between 23-25hrs
200 attendees at community events	135 people attended 3 community events and 1 festival.

As previously noted, SEUPB were to consider the reduced final figures and to note have accepted the reduction in targets achieved. Engagement and collaboration across this project have encountered challenges, as previously reported which have delayed or hindered areas to be fully realised.

3.7 BPR5 – Roma Project - Supporting Connected Communities

The Roma project has submitted a delivery schedule for the remaining training elements completing on the 12th December 2022. The end event, a celebration of the Roma project is in planning and has been provisionally scheduled for 19th December at 11am. Invites will be extended nearer the time once the venue and itinerary have been confirmed.

The final position for Forward South is positive with some minor adjustments and mitigations of deliverables. An on-the-spot verification visit is to be scheduled and the end report submitted.

SEUPB met with the PEACE IV Secretariat to review mitigations for remaining elements. The delivery partner remains positive that they can complete both the Advice training and the conversational English classes within the remaining period.

3.8 BPR6 – St. Comgall's

Project activity is nearing an end with one rescheduled seminar and the final celebration event to be held. The project has advised the final celebration event will meet the outcome of a seminar and provide additional contact hours.

The equality screening for the exhibition and educational resources is ongoing. Further supporting information on the development process and demonstration of meeting Peace objectives has been received from the delivery partner and is under review. The process will continue until the required S75 obligations have been met.

Target	Status
20 core young people participants	27 completed target of 33 hrs
20 core adult participants	14 completed reduced target of 32 hrs

Cinematography Project

Filming of suitable opportunities to capture the Belfast Peace Journey is continuing. Members are asked to approve an extension to February 2023 to allow all deliverables to be met, namely for better coverage of the extended projects – SSS capital and NIHE projects.

End of project clips produced in the last month have been for Roma and Traveller projects. A BPR1 social clip was filmed and produced. Upcoming filming is scheduled for SSS Youth Civic Engagement, CYP5 projects, and the Forth Meadow public artwork. End of project clips for NIHE, SSS and BPR6 will follow in the new year.

3.9 Financial and Resource Implications

BPR expenditure and claims within this period are estimated to total £578,289.81, with BCC BPR claims for period 32 valued at £147k and BPR NIHE valued at £431,495.58

3.10 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

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The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree in principle:

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BPR Cinematography

- To agree an extension to 28th February for Cinematography. This was to allow all filming to be captured for projects that had been extended (SSS, NIHE projects).

It was agreed the Peace IV Programme Officer would liaise with NIHE in respect of a specific BPR programme date.

Peace IV - Update on SSS Theme

The Peace IV Programme Manager provided an update on the progress report in respect of the Shared Spaces and Services (SSS) theme of the Peace IV Local Action Plan.

- **Springfield Dam**

The naming process closed on 21st November 2022 with 40+ names submitted by local people. A short-listing meeting, to agree the final three/four options to go out for public vote, had been scheduled for Thursday 1st December 2022. A "yourspace" page was also being drafted and would be opened for the public voting process before Christmas, closing in January 2023.

PEACE IV Network Scheme - Capital Works - Work was continuing in Section 2, following commencement in October, with completion still scheduled for June 2023. There remains a delay with hand-over to the Council, for Sections 3 and 4, due to issues with NIE connections for lighting columns.

- **Social Values Clause**

The Members noted the update below relating to the social values clause:

Apprentices / Placements: A Civil Engineering placement student from Queen's University was employed from July 2021 to August 2022, replaced with another in May 2022, who would be involved in the project to completion.

An apprentice Civil Engineer joined the project in January 2022 for a period of 130 weeks, with a second joining in October 2022. Both have been involved with surveying / setting out duties.

Long Term Unemployed: The ground works contractor, Demesne Contracts, employed a general operative, who had previously been unemployed and who had been in employment on the project since March 2022.

Trainees: The Contractor, John McQuillan contracts (JMQ) had been having difficulty sourcing candidates interested in obtaining unpaid training and were looking at linking with the Council's Employability and Skills Team for a list of potential candidates through their contacts.

Community Engagement: To date, JMQ had engaged with all sections of the community before commencing each work phase and had included:

- Prestart letter drops providing detail of the scheme and contact information.
- Calls in person to local schools, sports clubs and community hubs providing detail on the project and contact details for site team.

They had also attended a number of community meetings and had supported a number of local projects across the Greenway. There were also plans to donate Christmas hampers in December, but the method of distribution was to be agreed and they would be liaising with the project team and community stakeholders regarding this.

Fundraising/Local Charities: JMQ had been collecting tinned / bagged goods to donate to food charities in early 2023, with a drop in box located in their canteens. They would be liaising with the project team as to the most appropriate organisations to receive the donations.

Information Days: Due to the works phased being spread across a large geographical area, JMQ had not organised any specific information days. If there were suggestions of what might be suitable for Section 2, they were keen to fulfill this requirement.

Social Media: Regular updates were on JMQ's LinkedIn page, and they were currently drafting an update for posting this month.

Supplier Opportunities: Due to the nature of the works and the small number of materials involved, this requirement had been hard to fulfill. JMQ's 'in house' companies supply all the necessary materials.

Considerate Contractors Scheme: JMQ had had two visits from the CCS inspector in March and August 2022, scoring 36/45 in March and 38/45 in August.

- **Signage**

As reported in November, in line with ongoing discussion around the Council's language policy, senior management were advised on the PEACE IV Rules and Regulations around language. The Members would be updated on any progress or outcomes.

- **Public Art Pieces**

Work on the flagship piece was progressing with installation planned for Monday 16th January 2023 and a public unveiling on Thursday 19th January 2023.

Two floor art pieces were currently being installed in Glencairn Park (Section 1) and Springfield Park (Section 3).

- **Programming**

Implementation of the programming aspects were progressing.

- **Shared History, Heritage and Identity Content / Narratives for Shared Space**

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
300 individuals	257 recruited
51 narratives (3 narratives x 17 panels)	52 draft narratives
12 contact hours per participant	152 participants (68%) achieved over 10 hours 200 participants (89%) achieved 6 hours or more.
Compilation document of all stories	In progress

Draft narratives, for panels planned for Section 4, were circulated to the sub-group for review and the narratives for inclusion on the planned panels had been agreed (referred to in Appendix II). The project was finalising the publication for all the narratives gathered and with a foreword from the SCP Chairperson, forwarding a draft for review and proofing in line with Council's Plain English policy.

The Members noted that the Programme Board had been requested to agree the level of achievement in relation to participants' contact hours, ahead of discussion with SEUPB and acceptance of the level of achievement.

- **Shared Space Volunteer Training**

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
Sustrans	
30 volunteers (15 Walk & 15 Cycle Leads)	27 recruited across 3 groups
Volunteer Now Enterprise	
15 volunteers (Local Ambassadors)	13 recruited
The Conservation Volunteers	
15 volunteers (Nature Guides)	12 recruited

An options document, around the interim coordination of volunteering, was approved by the Programme Board and had been forwarded to the SEUPB for review and requesting approval.

Volunteers from the four projects, participated in a visit to Oxford Island on 17th November, visiting The Lough Neagh Discovery Centre and Bushcraft Centre. The volunteers were able to see other shared projects, talk about their own activities and get some ideas. A second visit was being planned for early 2023, this time to Cloughmills.

- **Governance / Management Model**

A contract was being prepared, and the contractors (MDL and Viatac Limited) had begun work on the project, submitting a Project Framework / Engagement Plan (Appendix III).

Discussions had been scheduled with Council officers and senior managers on 1 and 6 December respectively. The contractors would be in Belfast, week commencing 5th December, and would be facilitating discussions / workshops on 6th December (youth providers), 7th December (community stakeholders) and 8th December (volunteers).

- **Youth Engagement & Civic Education**

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
400 young people	80 young people registered from Nubia, Blackmountain, Glencairn and Forthspring.
60 contact hours per participants	54 young participants have achieved 60+ contact hours.

On submission of the requested implementation plan (Appendix IV), the Programme Board were being asked to approve an extension of the project to 28 February 2023. The plan forecasted completion by 387 young people (97% of delivery target). The Members noted that there was additional activity included in the implementation plan:

- A celebration lunch and tour of Crumlin Road Gaol, for all the schools involved; and
- Replacing residential activity with day trips, where appropriate, and requested by participant groups.

This was a variation from the original tender submission and the approved project plan. The Partnership noted, as such, the Programme Board were being requested to approve this additional activity and change to project delivery.

The Partnership further noted that, given the extended period, Youth Link NI had highlighted additional costs would be incurred. They had estimated an additional £15K-£20K would be needed to conclude the project. The Programme Board was requested to approve, in principle, a contract uplift of no more than 10% (£16,000), subject to the submission of a requested budget breakdown and the availability of support within the SSS programme budget. Delegated authority had been given to the CYP and BPR Chairperson to agree the finalised contract up-lift.

- **SSS Activities and Animation Programme**

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
20 cross community activities/events, (to an audience of a minimum of 1200 attendees)	11 cross community activities / events to an audience of approximately 1000+ people
- 4 Public spectacle events (150 people at each) – 2 in Springfield Park	- “Luminate” event in Springfield Park – approx. 1500 people - “Swamp Festival” in Bog Meadows – approx. 1700 people - “Colour Festival” in Woodvale Park – approx. 1,000+ people

	- "Day of the Dead" in Springfield Park – approx. 2,000+ people
- 6 Medium sized creative animation activities / events (50-100 people at each).	- "River Clean event" – approx. 100 people - Colour Run events in Falls and Glencairn Park – approx. 500 people - "Movies in the Dam" – approx. 700 people
- 10 small community focused activities / events (30 to 50 people at each)	- "Sunflower Festival" – approx. 50 people - Foraging Walk and Big Potato Harvest in Bog Meadows – approx. 100 people - Dunville Heritage Tour and Whiskey Tasting – approx. 20 people - "Street Art Jam in Partnership with Seedhead Arts at Glencairn Park – attracted approx. 10 people - "Spooks on Spokes" – approx. 20+ people

ArtsEkta had now completed its contract, co-ordinating a programme of over 20 small, medium and large community events / activities. PEACE IV was now reviewing its Period 32 Quarterly Report and Final Project report.

- **Resource Allocation**

Options in relation to how to use the support from the Resource Allocation was approved by Programme Board in November and forwarded to SEUPB for review, receiving approval by email on 22 November 2022.

As previously reported, total expenditure to date for the SSS totaled £2.7m, with £1.82m reimbursed by SEUPB. Claims for Periods 28-31 valued at £908K remained outstanding. A Period 32 claim for £177k was to be submitted.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and related appendices and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee to:

- Narratives/Interpretative Panel – Mediation NI
 - Note that the contact hours achievement level was to be discussed and agreed with SEUPB;
- Youth Civic Education – Youth Link NI
 - Note an extension of the Youth Civic Education project to 28 February 2023;
 - Note the additional / alternative activity for schools (Crumlin Rd Gaol) and day trips
 - Agree a possible contract uplift of no more than 10% (£16,000), subject to the submission of a budget breakdown and availability of support within the SSS programme budget;
 - Note that delegated authority had been given to the CYP Chairperson and BPR Chairperson to agree the finalised contract uplift, subject to the above confirmation.

A Member recognised the work that had been undertaken by Mr. D. McGann, Peace IV Project Manager, in relation to the Springfield Dam bridge naming process which he stated

was helped by the officer's diligence and patience when dealing with such a broad and diverse group to agree the final four names for public consultation.

Update on Interfaces Programme

The Good Relations Officer updated the Members in relation to further project proposals that had been developed as part of the Good Relations Action Plan within the BCC7 Interfaces Programme.

The Members recalled the Interfaces Programme (BCC7) within the Good Relations Action Plan. Thus far, the Members had allocated £64,235 of the total fund of £70,000. Projects across the City had been funded under this programme.

The Good Relations Officer advised that officers had continued to engage with groups on project development and received project proposals as follows:

1. Lower Oldpark Community Association for support towards their NOW Project (Neighbours over the Wall). This project was a cross community Women's project consisting of a partnership between the Lower Oldpark Community Association and Thorndale Duncairn and Kinnaird Community Group. The funding of £4,927 would go towards a series of workshops and a study visit to Derry/Londonderry to meet with groups working on interface issues there;
2. Limestone United Football Club for support towards a youth engagement programme to engage with young people directly involved in negative activity through "interface conversations and engagements". The funding of £1,000 would help break the cycle of this negative behaviour, such as sectarian abuse, anti-social behaviour and possession of offensive weapons.

The Partnership noted that applications for Council small grants, including Good Relations small grants, were currently open. The closing date for receipt of applications was Friday 13th January 2023 at 12:00 noon and all information was available at: <https://www.belfastcity-grants.com/>

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and recommended that funding be awarded under the BCC7 Interfaces Programme within the Council's Good Relations Action Plan as follows:

- Lower Oldpark Community Association; £4,927 towards their NOW (Neighbours Over the Wall) programme;
- Limestone United Football Club: £1,000 towards a youth engagement programme.

Update on PEACE PLUS Local Community Action Plan

The Neighbourhood Services Manager provided the Members with an update on recent activity with regards to the development of the PEACE PLUS 1.1. Co-designed Local Community Peace Action Plan for Belfast and explained that the areas for discussion at the meeting would include:

- An overview of Stakeholder Engagement for Stage 1 and any outstanding planned engagement;

- Public survey that has been issued which would form part of Stage 1;
- Co-design Stage 1 final report process;
- Co-design Stage 2 overview of process;
- SEUPB update.

- **Stage 1 - Stakeholder Engagement Sessions Completion**

Following on from an update at the previous Partnership meeting, further engagement had taken place as part of Co-Design Stage 1 development of the local plan. The reason for additional engagement sessions was to address gaps from the initial engagement sessions that had taken place in October.

The purpose of these engagement workshops was to receive input from stakeholders on how the local Peace Action Plans should be developed and how they should be involved in Co-Designing the plan. The Members received a breakdown of attendance at a range of engagement sessions that had taken place to date via Public Information sessions and online.

As part of Stage 1 engagement, as agreed by the Partnership, a public survey was issued that that asked similar questions to those that were asked at the facilitated sessions. The Members had been involved in designing this survey. The survey opened on Wednesday 30th November and would be advertised and issued through the following channels:

- PEACEPLUS 1.1 Mailing list – a total of 405 individuals / organisations who had signed up to be involved in the development of the local action plan;
- Council's Your Say Belfast Engagement Platform – a total of 1400 individuals had signed up to receiving Council related information via this platform;
- Council website and social media platforms;
- Council community contacts;
- Elected Members and key partnerships.

The closing date for the survey was 15th December 2022.

There were potential further engagement sessions that might take place as part of Stage 1, to finalise the Stage 1 report which would need to take place by Monday 12th December. The Neighbourhood Services Manager explained that the project was now at a stage where, due to the urgency of producing a Stage 1 report and commencing Stage 2, it was proposed that once any outstanding engagement had taken place, Stage 1 Engagement be completed. She informed the Members that once all the information from Stage 1 had been collated and summarised, a report would be produced that would be discussed at a future SCP meeting.

The content of the report would include the following:

1. Introduction to PEACEPLUS 1.1 and Stage 1 process;
2. Profile of the city including strategic context and research;
3. Emerging needs from Stage 1 engagement;
4. Emerging PEACEPLUS opportunities (thematic focus);
5. Next Steps.

Approval Timelines

To ensure that SCP members had input into the final report, Council approval was received with regards to its content and proposed next steps, it was proposed that the following be undertaken:

- **Stage 1 Report Approval Process**

Action	Date (2023)
SCP consider initial Stage 1 draft report	9th January
SCP workshop to provide detailed feedback	By 27th January
SCP Recommend Final report	6th February
SPR Sign off	17th – 24th February
Full Council Approval	1st March

The Members noted that, due to the forthcoming Local Government Elections, it was important that the Stage 1 report was signed off by the March Council meeting as there would be no further Council committee meetings taking place from April until June 2023.

- **Stage 2**

For Stage 2 Co-Design development of the plan, information collated in Stage 1 would be used and included in the final report to develop more detailed project concept ideas that could be included as part of the action plan submission to SEUPB. This would result in having a long list of project ideas. Due to the tight timeframes in relation to the submission of the local action plan, the Programme Officer explained that the Stage 2 planning process would be carried out in parallel with the end of the Stage 1 report going through the Council's governance procedures as outlined above.

The Neighbourhood Services Manager advised that further detail on Stage 2 would be brought back to a future SCP meeting, however, authority was being sought to start to plan and organise Stage 2 in January. Some of the key actions that would need to take this forward in Stage 2 would include:

Action	Indicative Dates (2023)
Agree Stage 2 methodology	By 27th January
Agree parameters for assessment on each theme based on SEUPB guidance and those identified by the SCP	By 27th January
Collective Round Table Workshop to present stage 1 Report to Stakeholders	February
Thematic deep dive workshops (to further develop potential ideas) 1. Local Community Regeneration and Transformation 2. Thriving and Peaceful Communities 3. Celebrating Cultural and Diversity	March

Final Stage 2 report with long list of project concepts and approval to proceed to Stage 3	April
Agree Stage 3 methodology	May

The Neighbourhood Services Manager advised that officers recently met with SEUPB to provide an overview of the current status with regards to progress on developing the local action plan for Belfast. SEUPB advised that they it was content with the progress with Stage 1 Engagement process. SEUPB officers also updated officers that it was unlikely that the call document for 1.1 would be open by the end of 2022.

Officers were commencing the process to progress recruitment of a PEACE Programme Manager in accordance with Council procedures.

The Members noted the contents of the report, provided feedback and:

- Agreed that Stage 1 facilitated engagement process closed as outlined in the report;
- Provided feedback on the process for finalising the Stage 1 report;
- Agreed to the general process for commencing Stage 2 for developing the local action plan.

The Chairperson referred to the launch of the 'Inequalities experienced by Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Traveller people residing in Belfast' research report which had been launched at the City Hall the previous week and acknowledged the work that had gone into the report and how valuable the research and recommendations would be going forward.

Chairperson

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Disability Working Group

Tuesday, 22nd November, 2022

DISABILITY WORKING GROUP HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members present: Councillor McMullan (Chairperson);
Aldermen Copeland and Haire.

In attendance: Ms. N. Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal
and Civic Services;
Ms. S. Williams, Governance and Compliance Manager;
Mr. R. Connelly, Policy, Research and Compliance Officer;
Ms. S. McNeill, Policy, Research and Compliance Officer;
Ms. J. Beck, Sign Language Interpreter;
Mr. M. Johnston, Language Officer;
Mr. J. Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer; and
Ms. V. Smyth, Democratic Services Officer.

Election of Chairperson for November 2022 – May 2023

It was agreed that Councillor McMullan be appointed as the Chairperson to the Disability Working Group from November, 2022 until the Local Government Elections, scheduled to be held in May 2023.

Apologies

There were no apologies received.

Terms of Reference and Membership

The Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services introduced the Language Officer who would be supported by the Policy, Research and Compliance Officers. She referred to Councillor McMullan's suggested amendments to the Terms of Reference. Discussion followed in relation to the membership of the Working Group and the Senior Democratic Services Officer provided clarity around membership protocol. A Member raised concerns about the optics of the Working Group in relation to disability and stated that it was often inadequate due to those with disabilities not being represented at meetings and that it was important to sustain engagement in this regard.

The Members agreed that external stakeholders would be invited to every other meeting or when the Working Group considered it necessary.

The Language Officer raised the issue of meeting accessibility and informed the Working Group that remote meetings were not accessible or suitable for those with certain disabilities.

The Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services stated that she appreciated there was much to consider. A Member highlighted the importance of Elected Member engagement in order to engage external groups and individuals.

The Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services referred to the work that the Language Officer had undertaken in relation to the International Day for People with Disabilities event. She advised the Members that there would be a Q and A session at the end of the event which could be used to understand what is and isn't working from a disability perspective.

The Senior Democratic Services Officer advised that in relation to the suggestion of outside bodies on the membership, the Members give this consideration in order to reach a consensus and an update would be given at the next meeting. He confirmed that Party Leaders had been contacted seeking nominations on the membership of the Working Group and this would be followed up.

The Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services referred to the wording in the Terms of Reference relating to the Disability Strategy and the paragraph suggested by Councillor McMullan. She suggested inviting the Director of City and Organisational Strategy and representatives from Place and Economy to inform the Working Group about what was already going on in the organisation which would in turn inform the Working Group's Terms of Reference. She further advised that there was a broader piece of work that she would like the Working Group to hear about in relation to how disability was being addressed in strategic policies, however, she was conscious of resource and handling expectations.

One Member acknowledged the work that the Language Officer had delivered. In relation to organisational strategy on disability, the Member welcomed Belfast Agenda engagement. Another Member stated that it was important to see what was already being undertaken in the organisation to avoid duplication.

The Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services referred to the draft Terms of Reference at appendix 3 and proposed shortening the second bullet point to 'to support the development of a new Council Disability Strategy' which was accepted by the Group. She proposed that a question relating to engagement be asked at the event on 5th December which would help to inform membership.

It was agreed that the Working Group would meet again in January at which point it would be decided on how often the Working Group would meet going forward.

The Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services advised that she would undertake horizon scanning with the Chairperson and the Governance and Compliance Manager in advance of the next meeting.

International Day for People with Disabilities event

The Language Officer provided the Members with details about the event which would take place on 5th December at the City Hall. The theme for this event was 'Employability for Everyone' which would focus on building an accessible and inclusive world for persons with disabilities working in Belfast.

The programme for this event would include keynote speeches from Sean Fitzsimons, disability advocate and the Project Lead for the Harkin Summit in Belfast

earlier this year and Edyth Dunlop from NI Union for Supported Employment. There would be a Question and Answer session with Sean, Edyth and Catherine Christy, HR Manager.

The Language Officer added that he hoped that the Members could attend the event.

Noted.

Pavement cafés (this was an issue raised by Member at Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in October 2022)

It was noted that an invitation to the Working Group had not been extended to the Deputy Lord Mayor which had been an oversight. The Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services advised that she would speak to the Deputy Lord Mayor in relation to the matter raised.

Noted.

The Chairperson thanked the Officers for forming the Working Group and for their contribution.

Chairperson

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