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**Democratic Services Section  
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Belfast City Council  
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18th January, 2023

## **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, 20th January, 2023.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

#### **2. Restricted Items**

- (c) Update on Employees on Temporary Contracts and Agency Workers  
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- (b) Equality and Diversity: Equality Screening and Rural Needs Outcome Report  
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>30U30 Northern Ireland Climate Change-Makers Programme</b>
<b>Date:</b>	20th January, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy
<b>Contact Officers:</b>	Debbie Caldwell, Belfast Climate Commissioner

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To inform the Committee of an approach to the Council for support for the 30U30 (30 under 30) Northern Ireland Climate Change-Maker's programme. The programme is coordinated by two lead partner organisations, namely Podiem and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, and is currently supported by DAERA, Pinsent Masons, Pacem and Danske Bank, with a request for local authority involvement being addressed through this approach to the Council.
1.2	The 30 under 30 programme is a climate focused programme, where young leaders from Northern Ireland have the opportunity to take part in an international learning programme, led by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful and Podiem. The current cohort of young leaders has already been recruited and there is a request to the Council to support the programme of

	activity they will undertake. All of the 30U30 modules are being delivered in Belfast City Centre and the majority of the participants either reside or work within the Council's footprint. The cohort is strengthened by its diversity with a broad range of backgrounds and interest/expertise areas represented. Over 55% of the group are female and there is a mix of those in education, employment and currently economically inactive.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is recommended to approve a contribution of £8,750 plus VAT to the overall programme costs of approximately £100,000 in total. This will resource three modules, taking place in February and March 2023, including the finale event on Thursday 30th March.
2.1	Should the Council support the initiative, the Climate Unit will explore opportunities to align with our existing climate programme and the work being undertaken with young leaders through Belfast Climate Commission and within other projects such as Belfast One Million Trees and the UPSURGE project.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	30U30 (30 Under 30) is a programme designed develop 30 'exceptional potential leaders' in NI under the age of 30 with a focus on addressing climate change. These leaders have been competitively selected from a diverse range of industries, sectors and educational backgrounds. As mentioned above the majority of participants are from the Belfast area with over 55% of the group being female. There is a mix of those in education, employment and currently economically inactive.
3.2	<p>Within the modular programme participants will learn from globally renowned thought leaders and performers across a range of relevant topics. These topics have been carefully crafted to create a cohort of leaders who will return to their fields of expertise with the tools to become planet positive change-makers in the short/long term. Speakers and facilitators include individuals such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alice Thompson - an international speaker and social business leader who co-founded Social Bite in Edinburgh and helped to establish 'The Worlds Big Sleepout' which took place in 52 cities around the world.</li> <li>• Gerry Hussey - Ireland's leading health, wellbeing and performance coach, who has worked with many leading sports people and teams, and author of 'Awaken Your Power Within'.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Philip Hesketh - an international authority on influence and persuasion, who has worked with clients such as the BBC, Nestle, Walt Disney, Nike, Microsoft and Bank of America among others.</li> <li>René Carayol MBE - has worked with leaders such as Mikael Gorbachev, Nelson Mandela, Sir Richard Branson, Bill Clinton, and Kofi Annan, and authored the book 'SPIKE'. He has been Chairman, CEO and MD of businesses and served on the boards of Marks and Spencer's and Pepsi. He is an authority on inclusivity and leadership.</li> </ul>
3.3	<p>The programme includes an international element which will encourage and enable the NI climate change-makers to build relationships and collaborations with climate change-makers from other parts of the world through the 30 under 30 programme currently run by the North American Association for Environmental Education.</p> <p><b>Potential Benefits for the Council</b></p>
3.4	<p>The programme coordinators will ensure that the Council will be positioned as championing (along with the other partners) the creation and development of the next generation of local leaders who will lead work to address climate change in Northern Ireland. This will support the cities ambition, articulated in the Belfast Resilience Strategy, to “transition to a low-carbon economy in a generation”. It will also build on work undertaken by the Council Climate Unit with young people through the Belfast Climate Commission and Council funded research on young people's perceptions of the climate crisis undertaken during COP26 in 2021.</p>
3.5	<p>In terms of profile, the Council brand will be prominent at the three modules (including the finale event) and a Council representative will be included within photographs at each of the three modules.</p>
3.6	<p>There is an opportunity for a member of the Council's Climate team to present on how a city is playing its part in helping to avert a climate crisis. The cohort will feature some of NI's finest future leadership talent (including those from the local government sector), so this content will be very useful and relevant to the participants.</p>

3.7	There is an opportunity for the Lord Mayor of Belfast to greet the group and hear how they are planning to create meaningful impact as a direct consequence of the programme. This would form part of the 30U30 graduation.
3.8	There is also an opportunity to host one of the remaining modules, potentially the finale on 30th March, in the City Hall.
	<b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b>
3.10	£8,750 plus VAT - which will be allocated from existing City and Organisational Strategy budgets.
	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications</u></b>
3.11	None.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	None.



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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Energy One Stop Shop Implementation Plan – Consultation on Policy Options</b>
<b>Date:</b>	20th January, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	John Tully, Director of City and Organisational Strategy
<b>Contact Officers:</b>	Richard McLernon, Climate Programme Manager – City

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To update the Committee on the Energy One Stop Shop Implementation Plan – consultation on policy options. The closing date of the consultation has been extended from 20th January to 31st January, 2023 at 5 p m.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee review the following summary of the DFE Energy One Stop Shop Implementation Plan – consultation on policy options and the attached officer response, which will be submitted prior to 31st January, on the basis that it is subject to Council ratification.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While broadly welcoming the Energy One Stop Shop principles, objectives, services and phased approach we have requested alignment with both regional and local targets and initiatives including the Belfast net zero targets of 66% reduction in scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2025, 80% reduction by 2030, and 100% reduction by 2050, the development of the Belfast Local Area Energy Plan and the development of the Belfast EV Strategy. We have also encouraged a tailored communication and engagement approach to the most vulnerable in society, and that research be undertaken to understand the needs of the most vulnerable, our communities and partners, such as the Council, in supporting the energy transition and ensuring a just transition.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	One of the key actions in the NI Energy Strategy is that the Department for Economy (DFE) establish an Energy One Stop Shop to provide impartial information, advice and support aimed at helping to overcome the barriers that consumers face in moving to sustainable technologies and may provide a number of benefits and advantages. In the consultation document DFE have set out a series of principles, strategic objectives and services which could be provided by the One Stop Shop.
3.2	<p><b>Energy One Stop Shop Principles</b></p> <p>The suggested principles underpinning the work of the Energy One Stop Shop are that it will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be consumer centric – the One Stop Shop will focus on delivering positive outcomes for consumers;</li> <li>Provide tailored services – the One Stop Shop will meet the needs of individual consumer groups to ensure domestic and non-domestic consumers have access to the adequate types and levels of information, advice and support that they need;</li> <li>Have adequate sectoral and technical expertise – the One Stop Shop will provide up to date, accurate and factual information and advice on existing and upcoming products, technologies and services;</li> <li>Deliver a trusted service – building consumer trust will be a key priority for the One Stop Shop;</li> <li>Provide impartial information and advice – the One Stop Shop will only provide factual, accurate and independent information; and</li> <li>Deliver service in partnership with other bodies and organisations – the One Stop Shop will create partnerships with other organisations to ensure a presence across Northern Ireland and to maximise the benefits to consumers.</li> </ul>



3.3	<p><b>Energy One Stop Shop Strategic Objectives</b></p> <p>DFE has identified a set of strategic objectives for the Energy One Stop Shop which are that it will inform, advise and support people, businesses and communities to enable them to transition to affordable, smart decarbonised solutions for their energy efficiency, power, heat and transport needs, with special regard to those who may be least able to with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic consumers with vulnerable characteristics (e.g. low income, of pensionable age, digitally excluded, living with chronic ailment or disability and in rural areas);</li> <li>• All other domestic consumers;</li> <li>• Small businesses (up to 50 employees); and</li> <li>• Larger businesses (over 50 employees).</li> </ul> <p>3.4 The Council response welcomes the principles and strategic objectives set out above however encourages the Energy One Stop Shop to align with and support the delivery of both regional and local net zero targets such as the Belfast target of a 66% reduction in scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2025, 80% by 2030 and 100% by 2050. Council have also encouraged the Energy One Stop Shop to be aware of and support initiatives such as the development of a Belfast Local Area Energy Plan and Belfast EV Strategy both of which are due to complete in 2023.</p> <p>3.5 <b>Energy One Stop Shop Services</b></p> <p>It is proposed that the Energy One Stop Shop services will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single point of contact service that makes available and delivers energy information and advice in an easily accessible manner through a suitable range of communication channels.</li> <li>• Signposting and warm referrals to relevant organisations and service delivery partners.</li> <li>• Encouragement of behavioural change through information and awareness campaigns and measures such as developing net zero kitemark certifications.</li> <li>• Wrap around support to hand-hold certain consumer groups from decision-making through implementation and follow-up support to ensure the best outcomes for them.</li> <li>• Non-financial support such as training, outreach activities, carrying out energy audits and developing support networks.</li> </ul>
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3.6	<p><b>Potential additional activities have been identified within the consultation, which include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To lead in the production of national and sectoral statistics to meet reporting obligations, guide policy and inform investment decisions.</li> <li>• To undertake a programme of energy and behavioural research.</li> <li>• To support energy education in schools.</li> <li>• Provide support to businesses and public authorities including grants, financial support, energy audits, training, toolkits and kitemark certification.</li> <li>• Provide support to sustainable energy communities including financial support.</li> <li>• Deliver or administer financial support schemes, especially targeted to those who need it most.</li> <li>• Monitor compliance and raise awareness of labelling and eco-design regulations.</li> </ul>
3.7	<p>The Council is broadly in agreement with the suggested services, however, it has suggested a potential programme to understand and meet the needs of the most vulnerable in society, communities and partners such as the Council. We have also suggested a tailored communication and engagement plan may support this activity within the wider communication approach outlined in the consultation documents.</p>
3.8	<p><b>Implementation Timeframe</b></p> <p>The consultation document outlines the intention to develop a project plan in 2023 and to initiate a 3-year pilot as soon as possible, subject to funding.</p> <p>Phase 1 services within the pilot would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing a dedicated website, social media channels and freephone helpline.</li> <li>• Free and independent information to consumers and business by phone.</li> <li>• Detailed information online and through social media, with the initial focus on energy efficiency.</li> <li>• Signposting to other organisations who are sources of energy advice.</li> <li>• Raising awareness of energy issues and energy.</li> </ul>
3.9	<p>Phase 2 services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free and impartial advice to consumers and businesses by phone, face to face, video-conference, messaging services.</li> <li>• Outreach activities and information campaigns.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warm referrals to service delivery partners.</li> <li>• Non-financial support identified by the pilot as being asked for by consumers.</li> <li>• Create and develop service delivery partnerships.</li> <li>• Develop and undertake a programme of energy and net zero consumer behavioural research.</li> </ul>
3.10	<p>Beyond the 3-year pilot, in year 4 onwards it is proposed that the service includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap-around support to certain consumer groups from decision-making through implementation and follow-up support.</li> <li>• Kitemark certifications.</li> <li>• Support networks and community champions.</li> <li>• Compilation of NI and sectoral statistics to comply with any future net zero monitoring and reporting requirements required by the NI Executive.</li> </ul>
3.11	<p>The draft Council response supports the above phased approach, however, it suggests that could any service be accelerated into an earlier phase it should be done so at the earliest opportunity.</p>
	<b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b>
3.12	None
	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications</u></b>
3.13	None
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Document Attached</b>
	Draft response to the DFE Energy One Stop Shop Implementation Plan – Consultation on Policy Options.

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Belfast City Council  
Draft Energy One Stop Shop Consultation Response

**QUESTION 1** – Do you agree with the Energy One Stop Shop underpinning principles?

Belfast City Council response: Yes, we agree with the identified principles as set out in the consultation document. In addition, we would encourage the Energy One Stop Shop to align with and support regional and local targets where feasible, for example the Belfast target of a 66% reduction in carbon emissions by 2025 based on 2020 baselines, 80% reduction by 2030, and 100% by 2050 which have been adopted by the city and were recommended in the Belfast Net Zero Carbon Roadmap.

**QUESTION 2** – Do you agree with the definitions for each of the proposed principles?

Belfast City Council response: Yes.

**QUESTION 3** – Do you agree with the proposed strategic objectives for the Energy One Stop Shop?

Belfast City Council response: Yes, we welcome the strategic objectives and the focus on people, businesses and communities, decarbonisation, and the regard to those who may be least able to afford to make changes in relation to energy efficiency, power, heat and transport. As set out above we would encourage the Energy One Stop Shop to align with and support regional and local targets and initiatives, for example in Belfast a Retrofit Hub has been established which is working to develop a retrofit programme for the city and we would welcome advice, guidance, and input from the Energy One Stop Shop in that and other initiatives such as the development of a Belfast Local Energy Plan and development of a Belfast EV Strategy which are both underway and due to complete during 2023.

**QUESTION 4** – Do you agree that the Energy One Stop Shop should provide advice, information and support to domestic consumers, micro, small and medium businesses and community energy groups?

Belfast City Council response: Yes. We would also encourage the reach and uptake of information to be analysed to identify areas or groups which are not availing of the support and information provided.

Belfast City Council  
Draft Energy One Stop Shop Consultation Response

**QUESTION 5** – Do you agree that the Energy One Stop Shop should take account of the needs of vulnerable domestic consumers, in particular those with low incomes, of pensionable age, digitally excluded, living with chronic ailment or disability or in rural areas?

Belfast City Council response: Yes, we welcome this focus on vulnerable domestic consumers and would encourage this to be a key part of the communications and service delivery plans of the Energy One Stop Shop. Belfast City Council would be keen to work with the new One Stop Shop to explore opportunities for alignment with existing programmes in Belfast.

We would welcome a referral pathway from the Council into the One Stop Shop for vulnerable domestic consumers and vice versa. The most vulnerable in our community will require financial support, however the current grant schemes available have limited funding and are oversubscribed due to the demand, especially within Belfast. We would like to see additional information around the resources to support both the Energy One Stop Shop and local provision by the likes of Belfast City Council.

**QUESTION 6** – Do you agree with the types of services and support that the Energy One Stop Shop should deliver?

Belfast City Council response: Yes.

**QUESTION 7** – Should the Energy One Stop Shop deliver any other services or activities? If so, list your priorities.

Belfast City Council response: In addition to the suggestion “to undertake a programme of energy and behavioural research” we would welcome research and stakeholder engagement on the needs of the most vulnerable in society, the needs of communities, and the needs of partners such as Council in relation to making the energy transition and achieving a just transition. The Belfast Community Planning Partnership may be of assistance in looking at the above in a Belfast context. We would also welcome a role on identifying and disseminating best practice from other locations to key stakeholders.

With regards to the most vulnerable in society, home visits to these customers could be advantageous. Face-to-face interaction and additional hand holding may be required for some and visiting vulnerable customers in their own home can assist with building up a relationship and highlight the need for signposting and onward referrals.

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Draft Energy One Stop Shop Consultation Response

**QUESTION 8** – Do you agree with the proposed initial list of consumer engagement channels for the Energy One Stop Shop?

Belfast City Council response: Yes, we agree with the suggested communication channels however given the focus on vulnerable communities and individuals it may be helpful to develop a tailored communication and engagement plan to support this work.

**QUESTION 9** – Do you agree with the proposed approach to refine and improve consumer engagement?

Belfast City Council response: Yes, however as noted above it may be helpful to develop and tailored communication and engagement plan to support this work.

**QUESTION 10** – Do you agree with the proposal to commence the operation of the Energy One Stop Shop with a Pilot and that it should launch as soon as possible?

Belfast City Council response: Yes, in addition should any support be required during the project plan development, or 3-year pilot phase please contact the Climate Unit, Belfast City Council.

**QUESTION 11** – Do you agree with the proposed Energy One Stop Shop Implementation Roadmap?

Belfast City Council response: Yes, as above should any support be required during the project plan development, or 3-year pilot phase please contact the Climate Unit, Belfast City Council.

**QUESTION 12** – Do you agree with the proposed services that would be available in Year 1 of the Pilot?

Belfast City Council response: Yes, we agree with the proposed phasing of services, however, should it be possible to accelerate the inclusion of services (due to funding or operational need) this should be considered.

Belfast City Council  
Draft Energy One Stop Shop Consultation Response

**QUESTION 13** – Do you agree with the proposed additional services that the Energy One Stop Shop Pilot would introduce in Years 2 and 3?

Belfast City Council response: Yes, we agree with the proposed phasing of services, however, should it be possible to accelerate the inclusion of services (due to funding or operational need) this should be considered.

**QUESTION 14** – Do you agree with the proposed services that the Energy One Stop Shop may consider introducing from Year 4 onwards?

Belfast City Council response: Yes, we agree with the proposed phasing of services, however, should it be possible to accelerate the inclusion of services (due to funding or operational need) this should be considered.

**QUESTION 15** – Do you agree with the proposal to create a new brand for the Energy One Stop Shop?

Belfast City Council response: Yes, we feel that this would support consumer and partner awareness.





<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Asset Management</b> <b>i) Cliftonville Playing Fields – Assignment of Portion of Land to rear of 14 Glenard Brook</b> <b>ii) North Foreshore – Invest NI Deed of Covenant Variation</b> <b>iii) Balmoral Estate – Deed of Variation</b>
<b>Date:</b>	20th January, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Sinead Grimes, Director of Physical Programmes
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Pamela Davison, Estates Manager

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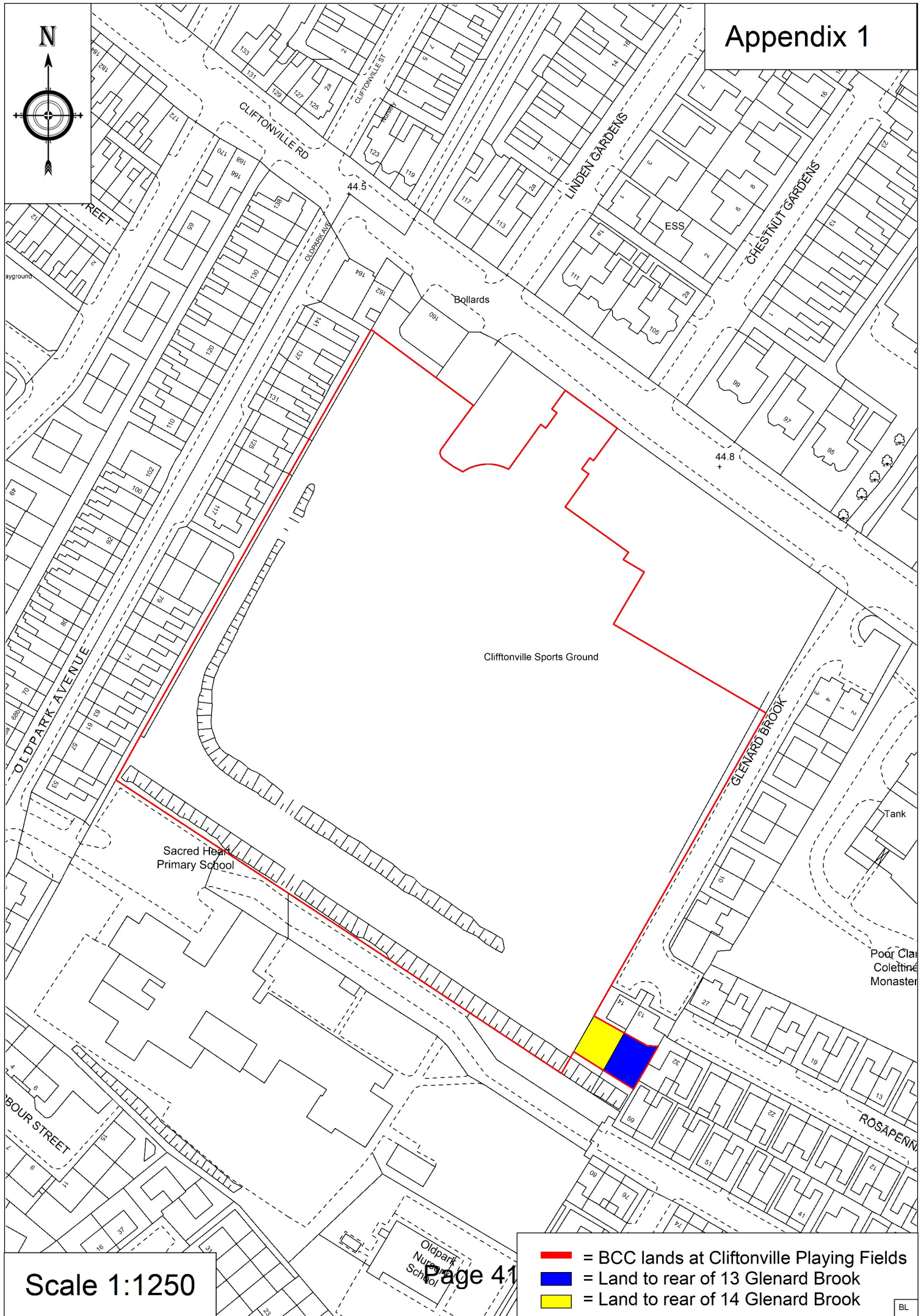
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee on asset related disposal, acquisition, and estates matters.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to:

	<p><b>i) Cliftonville Playing Fields – Assignment of Portion of Land to rear of 14 Glenard Brook</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- approve the assignment of the Council's leasehold interest in a portion of land that has been encroached on to the rear of 14 Glenard Brook;</li> </ul> <p><b>ii) North Foreshore – Invest NI Deed of Covenant Variation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- note that a deed of variation has been agreed between the Council and Invest NI to release approx. 7.2 acres of land from European Regional Development Fund/Invest NI funding conditions to allow a lease of the land to Belfast Harbour Commissioner for the Phase 2A Film Studios extension; and</li> </ul> <p><b>iii) Balmoral Estate – Deed of Variation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- approve the extension of the current term of the ground Lease at Plot 72 Balmoral Estate to a term of 125 years from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 and amend the rent review pattern from 25 yearly to 5 yearly.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<p><b>i) Cliftonville Playing Fields – Assignment of Portion of Land to rear of 14 Glenard Brook</b></p> <p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>The Council holds, by way of a 10,000-year Lease dated 31st December 1991 from the Education Authority (EA), lands at Cliftonville Playing Fields shown delineated red on the map at Appendix 1. Two minor encroachments have taken place on a small portion of the site to the rear of 13 and 14 Glenard Brook. Officers have had ongoing protracted negotiations with the owners of the properties over a number of years as a result of these encroachments, in order to rectify ownership. In relation to Number 14 and in order to regularise Council's title, it is proposed that the Council enter into a deed of conveyance and assignment with the Education Authority and the owners of number 14 Glenard Brook to assign the Council's leasehold interest to the portion to the rear of 14 Glenard Brook shown shaded yellow on the map at Appendix 1 to the property owner. The Council will receive a premium of £110 for its assignment of these lands. This has been assessed by Land and Property Services acting on behalf of the EA. Members are asked to note that the premium value reflects the likelihood of possessory title being available to the owner. This also removes any maintenance requirements for the Council.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing with the owner of 13 Glenard Brook in connection with the portion of lands shown shaded blue on the map at Appendix 1. In the interim the EA have however</p>

	<p>agreed to enter into a Side Letter with the Council confirming that they will not exercise their right of re-entry in respect of these lands due to the lands at the rear of 13 Glenard Brook being effectively land locked. Council officers and the EA are progressing negotiations with the owners of 13 Glenard Brook and an update on this will be brought back to Committee in due course.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>The Council will receive a premium of £110 for its assignment of the lands situated to the rear of 14 Glenard Brook. The Council will have no ongoing maintenance responsibilities for the lands adjoining 13 and 14 Glenard Brook. Legal Services shall act upon the instructions of the Estates Management Unit to complete the deed of conveyance and assignment.</p> <p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.2	<p><b>ii) North Foreshore – Invest NI Deed of Covenant Variation</b></p> <p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>The Committee, at its meeting on 21st June 2019, approved in principle the leasing of an extended area of land at the North Foreshore to Belfast Harbour Commissioners (BHC) for a proposed Film Studio extension (see map at Appendix 2). The report noted that approx. 7.2 acres of the required site was subject to European Regional Development Fund/Invest NI funding conditions associated with a Deed of Covenant on the land. It was highlighted at this time that negotiations were in progress in respect of releasing these conditions. Subsequently, at its meeting on 18 June 2021 SP&amp;R approved more detailed terms relating to the Film Studio extension. Members are asked to note that agreement has been reached with Invest NI to release the land referred to above from the Deed of Covenant via a deed of variation. This is necessary to allow completion of the proposed lease of the land to Belfast Harbour Commissioners once development works have been completed.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit to finalise the necessary deed of variation.</p> <p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.3	<p><b>iii) <u>Balmoral Estate – Deed of Variation</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>Plot 72 Balmoral Estate is currently held on a 99-year ground Lease from 1<sup>st</sup> May 1972, and the rent is subject to rent review every 25 years. The Tenant wishes to extend the term of</p>

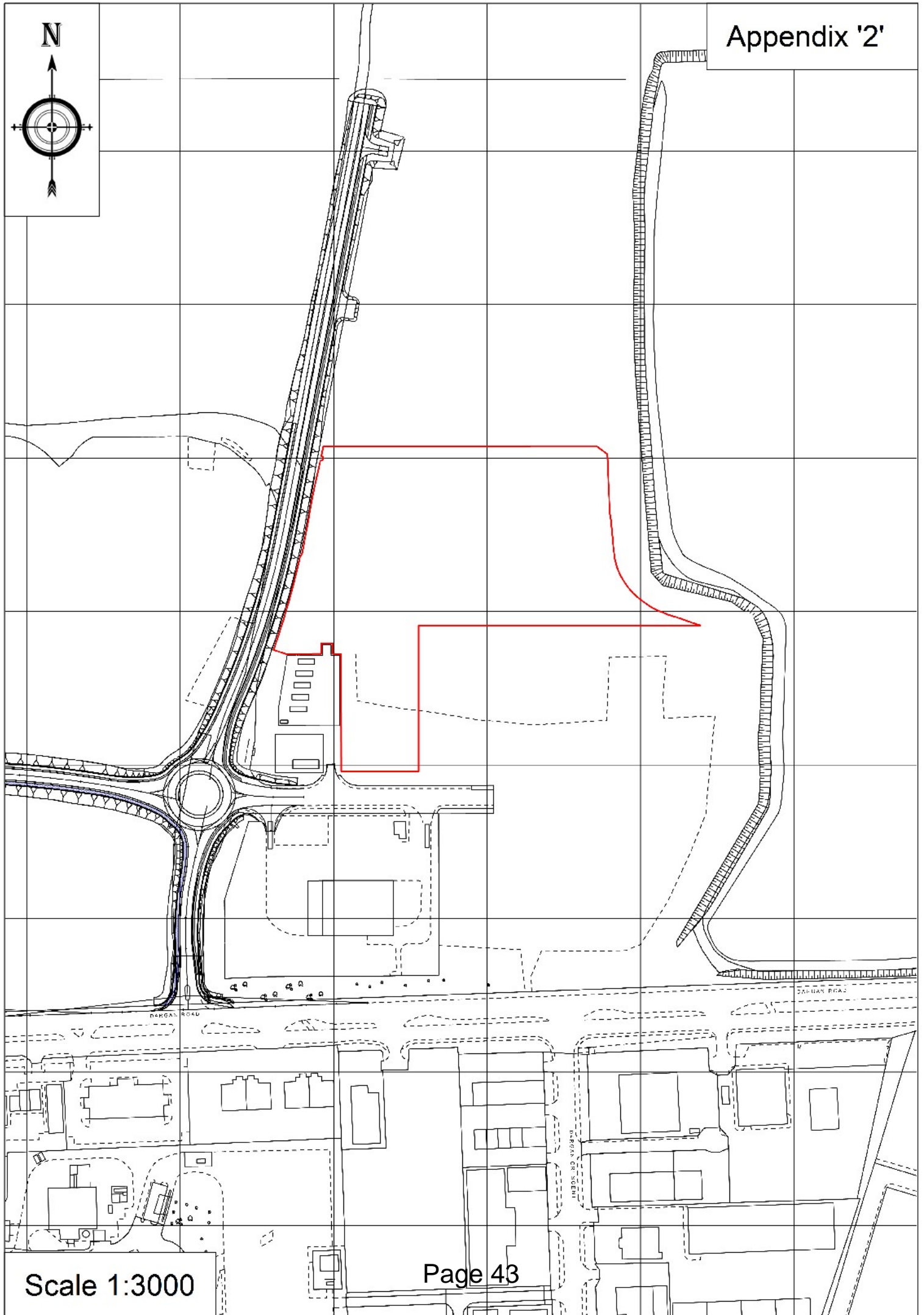
	<p>the existing Lease to 125 years from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 and amend the current rent review pattern from 25 yearly to 5 yearly with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. A premium of £5,000 will be payable by the Tenant subject to the Committee's approval. A Deed of Variation to the Lease will be entered into to formalise the extended term and the amended rent review provisions, if approved by Members. A map showing Plot 72 Balmoral Estate is attached as Appendix 3 to this report.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Council will receive a single premium payment of £5,000 for the Lease extension. Rent reviews will change from 25 years to 5 yearly with effect from 1 May 2022. Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit.</p> <p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Map showing Council lands at Cliftonville Playing Fields and encroachments to rear of 13 and 14 Glenard Brook</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Map showing Council lands at North Foreshore</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Map showing Plot 72 Balmoral Estates</p>



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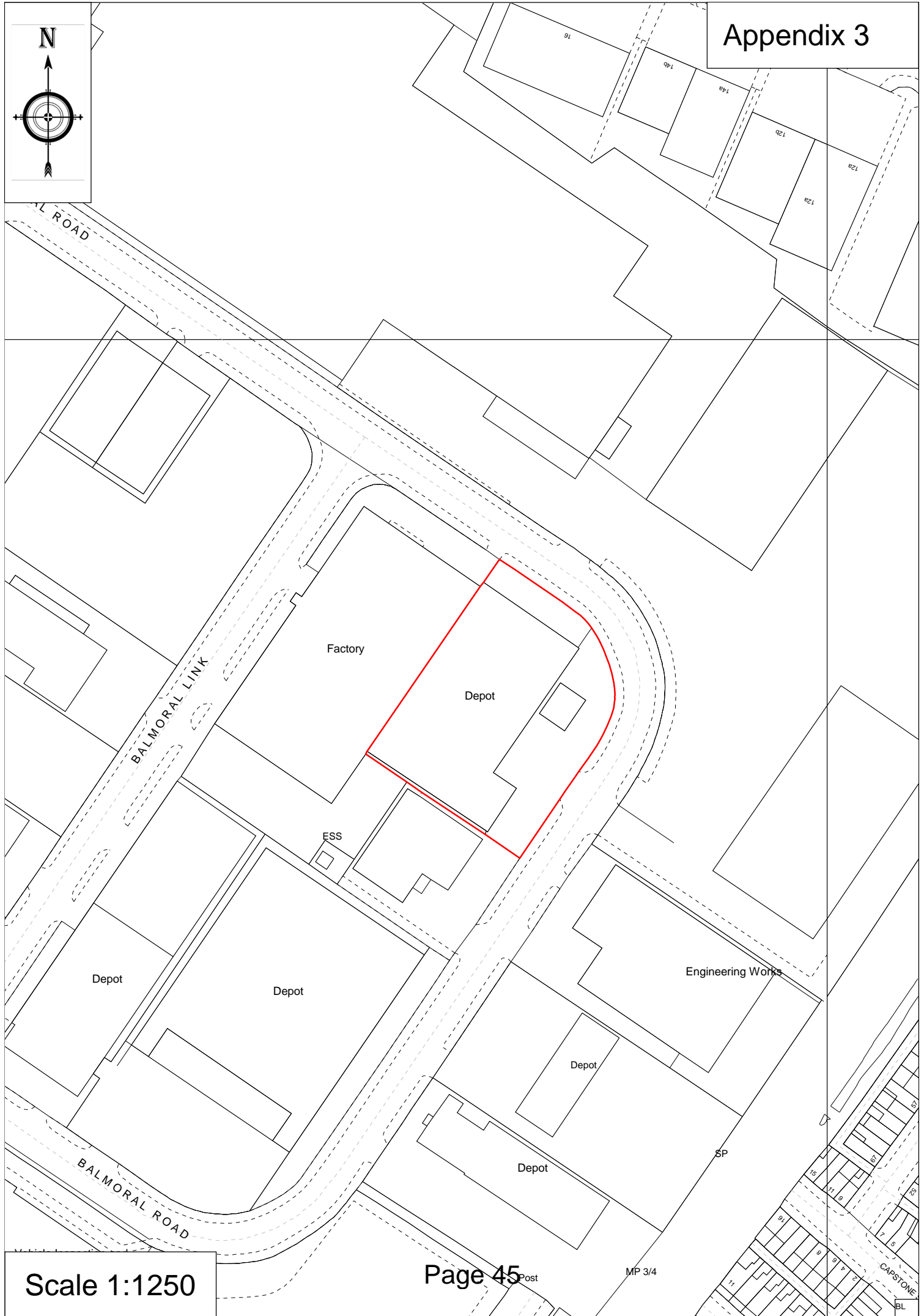
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Update on Area Working Groups</b>
<b>Date:</b>	20th January, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Sinead Grimes, Director of Physical Programmes
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Shauna Murtagh, Programme Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To present for approval the minutes of the most recent round of Area Working Group meetings.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to approve the minutes of the meeting of the East Belfast Area Working Group of 12th January, as attached.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>KEY ISSUES</u></b>
3.1	<b>Area Working Group Minutes</b> It was agreed, in June 2016, that the minutes of Area Working Group meetings would be presented to the S P and R Committee for approval, going forward, in line with the Council's

	<p>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 round of AWG minutes as attached.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Project Updates</b></p> <p><b><i>East Belfast AWG</i></b></p> <p>The Working Group agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Expansion of Belfast Bikes Scheme 2022/23</b> – that Connswater Community Greenway, for the Castlereagh Road area, be selected for the next phase of the Belfast Bikes Scheme in East Belfast and, in relation to the Upper Newtownards Road area options, that a site visit be arranged to view the proposed sites, together with the suggested options at Sandown Road and Bloomfield Collegiate.</li> </ul>
3.3	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	<p><b>Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>Minutes of the meeting of the East Belfast Area Working Group of 12th January</p>

# East Belfast Area Working Group

Thursday, 12th January, 2023

## HYBRID MEETING OF EAST BELFAST AREA WORKING GROUP

Members present: Councillor Long (Chairperson),  
Aldermen Dorrian, Haire and Rodgers;  
Councillors Bower, Douglas, De Faoite, Flynn,  
Kyle, Maghie, McMullan and Smyth.

In attendance: Ms. K. Watters, Neighbourhood Integration Manager;  
Ms. S. Kalke, Project Sponsor;  
Mr. F. Grant, Assets Development Manager  
Mr. M. Doherty, Project Manager; and  
Ms. E. McGoldrick, Democratic Services Officer.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were reported from the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Kelly, Aldermen Copeland and Sandford and Councillors Howard and Newton.

The Chairperson advised that Alderman Sandford was in hospital, and the Working Group agreed that its best wishes for a speedy recovery be conveyed to him.

### **Minutes**

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

### **Declarations of Interest**

Aldermen Dorrian and Rodgers, and Councillors Maghie, McMullan and Smyth declared an interest in item 3. Update on Physical Programme, in that they were Council representatives on the Eastside Partnership Board. Alderman Rodgers also declared an interest in that he was a shareholder of Glentoran Football Club.

In relation to item 2. Expansion of Belfast Bikes Scheme 2022/2023, Councillor Long declared an interest in that one of the option sites for a new docking station was close to his home.

### **Expansion of Belfast Bikes Scheme 2022/23**

The Working Group considered the following report and associated appendices:

#### **“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**

### **Background**

- 3.1 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.

### **Current expansion status**

- 3.2 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 January;
- Waterworks installation has been postponed due to delays by the supplier; it is expected to be operational by late January.

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

### **Future expansion 2022/23**

- 3.3 At CG&R on 9 June 2021 it was agreed to proceed with 15 docking stations outlined in the expansion proposal in Appendix 1. 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.

The options for Castlereagh Road area are:

- Connswater Community Greenway
- Greenville Park

**3.7** The options for Upper Newtownards area are:

- Upper Newtownards Road/North Road; Strandtown
- Upper Newtownards Road/Eastleigh

**3.8** A site expansion matrix (see Appendix 2) 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.

**3.9** **Financial & Resource Implications**

**Finance**

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

**3.10** **Equality or Good Relations Implications**

None.”

After discussion, the Working Group agreed that Connswater Community Greenway, for the Castlereagh Road area, be selected for the next phase of the Belfast Bikes Scheme in East Belfast.

In relation to the Upper Newtownards Road area options, the Working Group agreed that a site visit be arranged to view the proposed sites, together with the suggested options at Sandown Road and Bloomfield Collegiate and noted that a Special Meeting be scheduled to reconsider the options for the Upper Newtownards Road as soon as possible.

## Update on Physical Programme

The Project Manager provided an overview of 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 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 East Belfast;
- Consider the Cregagh Sports Club proposed site visit;
- Note the proposed site visit on LTP- Templemore project towards the end of January

### **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 East being allocated £1.127m under LIF1 and £1.2m under LIF2.

Each LIF project proposal is taken through a Due Diligence process prior to any funding award. Table below outlines funding spend to date for each tranche, at key stages of the delivery process: 22 projects received In Principle support under LIF1 and LIF2, of which 18 have been completed; 1 project in delivery, 1 project at pre-construction; 2 projects at due diligence stage.

LIF breakdown – East	LIF 1		LIF 2	
Stage/ Description	Projects	Amount/ Value (£)	Project s	Amount/ Value (£)
Number of Projects Completed	7 (70%)	£861,902	11 (92%)	£1,146,589
Number of Projects in Delivery	1 (10%)	£70,000		
Number of Projects in Pre-construction			1 (8%)	£15,000
Number of Projects at Initial Stage (Due Diligence)	2 (20%)	£100,000		
Total Number of Approved Projects	10	£1,031,902	12	£1,161,589



**The table below provides an overview of progress and actions around the remaining live project.**

Ref	Project	Funding	Stage	Status	Action / Recommendation
ELIF30	Cregagh Sports Club	£70,000	On Ground	Project on site and will be phased with the extension to ball stop fencing taking place in early 2023 and the enhancements to the car park to follow soon after. Works due to be completed in spring/summer 2023. The Club is keen to arrange for the AWG to undertake a site visit to its premises at Gibson Park Gardens to view the status of the project and to discuss their plans to develop into a Community Hub.	Continue engagement with the group.  Consider the Club proposed site visit.
ELIF2-17	Lagan Village Youth and Community Association	£15,000	Pre-Construct ion	Approved by SP&R Committee in October 2020. DfC funding commitment received of £35,000. DFC have committed a further £20,000 through the Levelling Up Fund. The land for the project has now been transferred to the Group. A successful application was made to the Alpha fund for an additional £25,000 along with funding from both BCC and DfC. Designs are being finalised and it is hoped the project will complete prior to March 2023.	Continue engagement with the group.
ELIF29	Cycling Ireland	£70,000	Due Diligence	Discussed at Due Diligence on 20 October 2022. Number of issues to be resolved. Internal discussions ongoing. To be discussed at DD future meeting.	Continue engagement with the group and key stakeholders.
ELIF31	Bloomfield FC, Clonduff FC, East Belfast FC and Glentoran Academy	£30,000	Due Diligence	Proceeding to due diligence this month.	Continue engagement with the group and key stakeholders.

#### **4. Belfast Investment Fund**

**Members are reminded BIF is a £28m investment fund for regeneration, partnership projects, with a minimum £250,000 investment from Council. In East Belfast 9 projects have received an In-Principle funding commitment under BIF. There are 5 projects 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. Table below provides a summary of BIF allocated projects i.e. project stage; project title; and the funding allocated.**

***Summary of BIF allocated projects:***

<b>East</b>	Stage 3—Willowfield—£560k; H&W Welders—£2.37m; Strand—£1.8m; Bloomfield—£440k Stage 2—Lagan Village Youth & Community—no commitment Stage 1—East Belfast Mission; Belmont Bowling Club; Bloomfield Presbyterian Church; St. John's Orangefield, Church of Ireland, Tullycarnet Community Support Services—no commitment / on long list
<b>Outer East</b>	Stage 3 —TAGIT- £434k; Hanwood—£396k; Lisnasharragh Community Schools—£398k; Braniel—£390k; Castlereagh Presbyterian Church—£382k

**The table below provides an overview of the remaining projects. Members are asked to note the actions and recommendations.**

Ref	Project	Funding	Stage	Status	Action/ Recommendation
<b>BIF12</b>	<b>Strand Arts Centre</b>	£1,800,000	Stage 3 – design stage	In November 2021, Members noted the increase in cost estimates following the RIBA Stage 2 Design Report. The total cost estimate is £5,320,000 which includes construction inflation and theatre/ cinema specifics. The total project budget exclusive of these items is estimated at £4,657,000. Members agreed to progress to RIBA Stage 3 and submit to Planning – which was secured in August 2022. Additional funding from the Heritage Fund has been secured. A Levelling Up application was also recently submitted with a decision anticipated in early 2023.	Continue engagement with the group. Council acting as grantee for development grant from the Heritage Fund.
<b>BIF13</b>	<b>Bloomfield Community Association</b>	£440,000 plus £60,009 reallocation - £500,009	Stage 3 - Committed – In Principle	[No change from previous update]. A new Economic Appraisal/ Business Plan was completed in July 2021. Cost of preferred option is £745,054. An application for match funding has been submitted to DfC but is contingent on budget availability. Officers are continuing to look at other options in relation to the funding deficit.	Continue engagement with the group and partners.  Note that project has not progress because funding has not come available.

#### **Outer East BIF Projects**

Ref	Project	Funding	Stage	Status	Action/ Recommendation
<b>BIF25</b>	<b>Braniel Church</b>	£390,000 plus £65,000 reallocation	Stage 3- On Ground	Works progressing well. The completion of the project is now anticipated in April 2023.	Continue engagement with the group
<b>BIF38</b>	<b>Castlereagh Presbyterian Church</b>	£382,000	Stage 3 – Due Diligence	AWG site visit was held on 9 December 2022. The scope of the project is now reflective to the funding committed to the project. Project will now proceed to Due Diligence.	Continued engagement with group and progress Project through Due Diligence.

#### **5. Social Outcomes Fund**

**SOF is £4m ringfenced capital investment programme with a focus on local community tourism projects. There is one project under**

**SOF for East Belfast - Eastside Visitor Centre – with an In-Principle funding commitment. Similar to BIF, all projects are subject to Due Diligence process prior to any funding award.**

Project	SOF Award	Status and update
<b>Eastside Visitor Centre</b> <i>Link to UV project</i>	£700,000	<i>Business case stage.</i> Partner project with Urban Villages. The project proposal is for the extension of the existing visitor centre at C.S. Lewis Square. Status remains as reported previously - Final draft OBC completed and is in the UV approval process. Council officers are investigating charges against the site and UV economists are continuing a VFM exercise. UV aiming to complete VFM checks and gain approval by end of Feb 2023.

## 6. Capital Programme

The Capital Programme is the rolling programme of enhancing existing Council assets or building / buying new assets. 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. The table below provides an update on current live projects in East Belfast. Members are asked to note the status and update.

### *East Belfast – Capital programme overview*

Project	Status and update
<b>LTP- Templemore- NLHF</b>	<i>Stage 3 – Committed.</i> On Ground. AWG site visit was held in October 2022. Completion of the leisure side of the building is anticipated to be completed by March 2023. GLL are currently working up programme for opening. The completion of the Heritage side of the building is now anticipated to be June 2023.  In addition, Members will note that we are proposing a site visit towards the end of January.
<b>New Crematorium</b>	<i>Stage 3 – Committed.</i> RIBA Stage 3 Design has been completed and a planning application has been submitted to Lisburn and Castlereagh Council in June 2022. Technical Design is currently being progressed and consultee queries being answered.
<b>Alleygating Phase 5 – City wide</b>	<i>Stage 3 – Committed.</i> Consultation process and costs being prepared for each area. Engagement underway with Members to confirm locations.
<b>Sydenham Greenway</b>	<i>Stage 2- Uncommitted.</i> OBC to be worked up.
<b>Shared Youth and Community Facility Inner East</b>	<i>Stage 1- Emerging.</i> Officers to work jointly with the EA to develop business case/ plan on a potential youth facility at the council owned Ballymacarrett site. Strategic options study and discussions ongoing, initial mapping exercise complete and with Council officers for review.
<b>Ballymacarrett Area Masterplan</b>	Link to the UV/DfI funded Ballymacarrett Walkway Environmental and Cycling Infrastructure Improvement project.
<b>Belfast Bikes Expansion</b>	Further expansion – there is a separate report being presented to Members at this AWG on Belfast Bikes proposed locations.

## 7. 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 considered the feedback on Stage 1- Applications in the South 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 ratified by the Council. The table below provides an overview of the projects that progresses to Stage 2- Development and the projects that are on the reserve list at Stage 1.

### ***East Belfast – NRF overview***

<b>South</b>	Stage 2— Eastside Container Hotel, Impact Belfast, Nevin Spence Centre (NSC) Visitor Experience, Portview Exchange - a makerspace in East Belfast Stage 1 (Reserve)— Development of sporting hub at Wilgar Park, Hosford Community Homes: 335 Newtownards Road —no commitment
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<b>Project name</b>	<b>Status and update</b>
<b>Eastside Container Hotel</b>	<i>Stage 2 – Development (Uncommitted).</i> Link to SOF Project. Development of 10 unique serviced tourist apartments overlooking the C.S. Lewis Square in east Belfast. Business Case progressing.
<b>Impact Belfast</b>	<i>Stage 2 – Development (Uncommitted).</i> Regeneration of the former church at 122-128 Ravenhill Road into a state-of-the-art social Impact Hub providing facilities for social impact organisations to work, collaborate, network and grow. The interior fit-out will comprise 65 permanent desks, seminar space and meeting facilities. Meeting with group held in December 2022. Business case to be developed. Planning approval is in place.
<b>Nevin Spence Centre Visitor Experience</b>	<i>Stage 2 – Development (Uncommitted).</i> Major overhaul of the NSC Visitor Experience, involving a new layout, full re-design, new exhibitions and integration of new augmented reality technology. Business Case progressing.
<b>Portview Exchange - a makerspace in East Belfast</b>	<i>Stage 2 – Development (Uncommitted).</i> Development of a state-of-the-art studio on the Newtownards Road comprising significant additional artist studio space as well as private rooms, workshops, test labs, a kiln and a retail shop frontage. Business Case progressing.

## **8. Externally Funded Programmes**

The Council is the delivery partner for a number of government departments on significant capital investment programmes, namely Social Investment Fund (SIF) and the Urban Villages Initiative (UV) funded by the Executive Office, and number of schemes with DfC. The following is an overview of projects within each programme relevant to East Belfast.

### **Social Investment Fund**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Status and update</b>
<b>Walkway Community Association</b>	<i>Project underway.</i> Project is in the final stages with anticipated completion in March 2023. This is the final Social Investment Fund project to be delivered by the Council.

## Urban Villages Initiative

Project	Status and update
<b>Pitt Park redevelopment</b> <i>Council asset</i>	<i>Project underway.</i> This UV funded project is on a Council site and the Council is acting as the delivery partner. Letter of Offer has been approved. Contractor expected on site February 2023 pending confirmation of programme from contractor. A planning application for some elements of the works has been submitted and is progressing. Ongoing community engagement information sessions - a stakeholders group meeting has been scheduled for 31 January 2023.
<b>Hosford Community Homes Inclusion Hub</b>	<i>Draft Letter of Offer stage.</i> Council is acting as Delivery Partner. The project is renamed Hosford Community Homes Inclusion Hub. Council has commented on the draft letter of offer and it has been returned to TEO, awaiting issue of final letter of offer. Design team procurement is underway. Project governance structures are being established and it is expected that an initial project board will be convened in January 2023.
<b>Pop EastSide- Landmark East</b> <i>Link to SOF project 'Eastside Visitor Centre' and NRF 'Eastside Container Hotel'</i>	<i>Business case stage.</i> Partner project with Urban Villages. The project proposal is for the extension of the existing visitor centre at C.S. Lewis Square. Status remains as reported previously - Final draft OBC completed and is in the UV approval process. Council officers are investigating charges against the site and UV economists are continuing a VFM exercise. UV aiming to complete VFM checks and gain approval by end of Feb 2023.
<b>Titanic People Exhibition</b>	<i>Business case stage.</i> Design options, surveys and costs have been reviewed and concerns remain regarding building safety, associated costs in making the site secure, viability of the project given available investment and project outcome measures. Members stressed their desire to continue to work with the Group to explore alternative funding sources and how the project can link with other projects in the area. The Council is waiting on a detailed project proposal and Business Case from UV which is expected imminently. DfC funding in the sum of £600,000 has been committed together with UV funding in the sum of £600,000. UV expect to get Business Case Approval by the end of Feb 2023.
<b>Portview</b> <i>Link to NRF 'Portview Exchange'</i>	<i>Feasibility stage.</i> Emerging project at feasibility stage. Business case progressing and expected to complete mid 2023.

## DfC and DfI funded projects

**Below is the status update on project funded by Department for Infrastructure and/or the Department for Communities in East Belfast.**

### ***DfI and DfC – East Belfast projects overview***

Project	Status and update
<b>Lagan Village Youth and Community Centre</b>	DfC funding commitment received of £35,000. DfC have committed a further £20k through the Levelling Up Fund. Designs are being finalised and it is hoped the project will complete prior to March 2023.
<b>Covered cycle stands Phase 2 –East</b>	<i>Via DfI Active Travel Enablers Blue and Green Infrastructure Fund</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Avoniel Leisure Centre - supplier/contractor appointment stage - due to be installed by Spring 2023.</li> <li>– Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre - supplier/contractor appointment stage – due to be installed by Spring 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>Expansion of Belfast BikesNetwork - East</b>	<i>Via Revitalisation Programme (DfC, DfI)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Upper Newtownards Road - design and planning stage</li> <li>– Castlereagh Road – design and planning stage</li> </ul>

	See above; separate report will be presented in meeting
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### **EB Northern Ireland Ltd**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Status and update</b>
<b>Cherryvale Playing Fields Improvements Pitch 1</b>	The project involves erection of catch nets, spectator and perimeter fencing and path around Pitch 1 at Cherryvale Playing Fields. Pitch 1 is used daily for Gaelic football, camogie and hurling. Majority funding is earmarked from Landfill Communities Fund. EBNI Ltd Letter of Offer received. Procurement of works ongoing and tenders has returned. Appointment of contractor imminent.

During discussion, one Member highlighted the need for the extension and repair of catch nets in the Cherryvale Playing Fields at pitch one. The Project Manager advised that this would be investigated with the City and Neighbourhood Services Department.

After discussion, the Working Group recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee adopt the recommendations as outlined at paragraph 2.0 of the report.

The Working Group also noted that an update would be provided at a future meeting on the progression of the Bloomfield FC, Clonduff FC, East Belfast FC and Glentoran Academy LIF project and the catch nets at Cherryvale Playing Fields.

### **Orangefield Pavilion Artwork Proposal (Verbal Update)**

It was reported that the People and Communities Committee, at its meeting in January, had approved the intent to install a piece of artwork on the wall at Orangefield Pavilion and agreed the approach for codesigning the image (copy available [here](#))

The Neighbourhood Integration Manager highlighted that, as part of the design process, officers had recommended a co design approach with the group of young men, supported by the local artist, and including input from council's Culture and Arts team, local elected members, and a specialist input from a local mental health charity or art therapy service. She advised that input from Members of the East Area Working Group would be welcomed.

The Working Group noted the update, and that further information would be provided to the Working Group for an expression of interest in taking part in the co-design project.

Chairperson



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Minutes of the Meeting of the Shared City Partnership</b>
<b>Date:</b>	20th January, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	David Sales, Director of Neighbourhood Services
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	David Robinson, Leish Dolan; Good Relations Unit and Debbie McKinney, PEACE IV

<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To report to the Committee the key issues discussed at the Shared City Partnership meeting held on 9th January.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to approve the minutes and recommendations from the Shared City Partnership Meeting held on 9th January, including:
2.2	<p><b><u>PEACE IV</u></b></p> <p><b>CYP Theme - Agreement in principle:</b></p> <p><u>CYP 1 – Tech Connects – Insights element (Belfast Metropolitan College)</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– for a project extension to 31 March 2023, subject to provisions for the Council’s closure period.</li> </ul> <p><u>CYP 3 – On the Right Track Sports element</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– to explore project closure, subject to agreement with BCC management and SEUPB.</li> <li>– a payment of the £5 per completed participant under claimed by Active Communities Network (ACN) is reviewed and progressed.</li> </ul> <p><u>CYP 5 – NIHE Local Area Network Partner Delivery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– to note the preliminary level of achievement and</li> <li>– to delegate authority to the CYP and BPR Thematic Chairs and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report to presented to members in February 2023.</li> </ul>
2.3	<p><b>SSS Theme</b></p> <p>Agreement of the reallocation of funding for the Resource Allocation.</p>
2.4	<p><b>BPR Theme</b></p> <p>Agreement in principle:</p> <p><u>BPR 1 – NIHE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to note preliminary level of achievement</li> <li>- to delegate authority to the BPR Thematic Chair and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report in February 2023</li> <li>- to extend the BPR1 project to 28 February 2023 to maximise the achievement of targets, subject to agreement with SEUPB.</li> </ul> <p><u>BPR 3 - NICVA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to note the on-the-spot verification took place on 7 December 2022.</li> </ul> <p><u>BPR 5 - LINCS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to note that the project completed with a small, localised event on the 9th December 2022</li> </ul>



2.5	<p><u>BPR 5 - ROMA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to note that the final event was held at Ormeau Bowling centre on Monday 19th December 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>GOOD RELATIONS</u></b></p> <p>Agreement to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Good Relations Audit:</u> submit both the Good Relations Audit and accompanying Good Relations Action Plan (<b>Appendix 2</b> refers) to The Executive Office for delivery during 2023/24.</li> <li>2. <u>Good Relations Action Plan Q3 update:</u> To note the contents of the report.</li> </ol>
2.6	<p><b><u>PEACEPLUS</u></b></p> <p>Agreement of the process to finalise the Stage 1 report, including SCP participation in an in-person workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> January to finalise the report.</p>
3.0	<p><b>Main Report</b></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 presented to the Committee for approval on a monthly basis.</p>
3.2	<p>The key issues on the agenda at the January meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Good Relations Audit</li> <li>• PEACE IV -Update on Secretariat</li> <li>• PEACEV IV - Update on CYP Theme</li> <li>• PEACE IV - Update on SSS Theme</li> <li>• PEACE IV Update on BPR Theme</li> <li>• Good Relations Audit and Action Plan 23/24</li> <li>• District Council Good Relations Action Plan Quarter 3 Update</li> <li>• Upcoming Events</li> <li>• Update on PEACE PLUS – Local Community Peace Action Plan</li> </ul>

	More details regarding the above issues and recommendations are included in the minutes of the meeting attached in <b>Appendix 1</b> .
3.3	<b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b> All financial implications are covered through existing budgets
3.4	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b> The recommendations of the Partnership promote the work of the Council in promoting good relations and will enhance equality and good relations impacts.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Minutes of the Shared City Partnership meeting of 9th January Appendix 2 - Outline 2023-2024 Good Relations Action Plan

## **SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP**

**Monday 9th January, 2023**

### **MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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

External Members: Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Mr. I. McLaughlin, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Ms. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Ms. A. Tohill, Good Relations, TEO  
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;  
Mr. S. Lavery, Programme Manager  
Ms. G. Boyd, Democratic Services Officer; and  
Ms. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf of Councillor Hutchinson and McCullough, Superintendent Ford, Mr. P. Anderson. Mr. J. Donnelly, Ms. G. Duggan, Mr. S. Hamilton, and Ms. A. M. White

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 5th December, 2022 were taken as read and signed as correct.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Ms. B. Arthurs declared an interest in relation item 5 PEACE IV Update on BPR Theme and item 6 Good Relations Audit and Action Plan 23/24.

Ms. A. Tohill declared an interest item 5, PEACE IV Update on BPR Theme, item 6 Good Relations Audit & Action Plan 23/24 and item 9 Update on PEACE PLUS 1.1. Co - designed Local Community Peace Action Plan for Belfast.

(Both left the meeting whilst the matters were under consideration)

Councillor Duffy declared an interest due to his role with The West Belfast Partnership Board as a delivery partner for BPR3 project and facilitator for the related Black Gates project.

Mr. A. Hannaway declared an interest in item 5, PEACE IV Update on BPR Theme.

### **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. She advised that, as outlined in the thematic reports, the focus of several projects had transitioned to the closure phase. Although for those projects continuing activity into 2023, mitigations and project extensions were progressed as necessary.

Closure of the CYP2 Playing Our Part project had moved forward and final payment had been progressed.

The initial On the spot verifications visit (OSV) for CYP3 Personal Change was completed, a further verification would take place in 2023. The CYP4 OSV was to be rescheduled to January 2023, at the request of the delivery partner. Final review of CYP1 Tech Connects delivery by GIGA had progressed.

The Secretariat had been liaising with CYP3 OTRT Sports and the Leisure Manager to establish the position and next steps for the project.

Members were requested to note that the Programme would transition to the Post Project Evaluation phase in 2023.

The Peace IV Programme Manager then advised that formal confirmation regarding approval of the NIHE revised budgets by SEUPB's Steering Group had been requested from SEUPB. Current Letters of Offer for all themes had expired on 31 December 2022 and updated letters of offers had been received. Discussions with SEUPB regarding the mitigations for the Traveller, Roma and SSS Narratives project had progressed, and no issues had been highlighted. Formal submission of the request was underway.

In relation to the claims submissions, she advised that vouching and verification of the Period 32 claim had progressed with assistance from the BCC Finance team, however, as several project staff were no longer in post, vouching of expenditure had been more challenging. The estimated value of the overall claim was £850K. However, members were requested to note that the Period 32 claim for NIHE was submitted separately, due to the commencement of the budget modification for NIHE CYP and BPR projects. In addition, some Period 32 expenditure for CYP3 was to be submitted with the Period 33 claim. As previously reported, risks associated with resource pressures were continuing. Spend on the Programme totaled £8.6 million with reimbursement of £6.2 million.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they 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 1 – Tech Connects – Insights element (Belfast Metropolitan College)**

- approve a project extension to 31 March 2023, subject to provisions for the Council’s closure period.

### **CYP 3 – On the Right Track Sports element**

- agree, in principle to explore project closure, subject to agreement with BCC management and SEUPB.
- agree that £5 per completed participant under claimed by Active Communities Network (ACN) should be reviewed and eligible payment progressed, as appropriate.

### **CYP 5 – NIHE Local Area Network Partner Delivery**

- note the preliminary level of achievement and
- agree to delegate authority to the CYP and BPR Thematic Chairs and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report to be presented to members in February 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)

Verification of final monitoring and evaluation data has been progressing. Review of the final report together with the achievement of results is underway. The anticipated level of achievement is 98% of target will be met.

An on-the-spot verification visit is to be scheduled to verify records and progress project closure will be confirmed in early January 2023.

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

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

(17-24 yr. olds)

As previously reported, some project elements had not progressed as planned. Efforts to deliver activity has been ongoing during December with further recruitment and new cohorts anticipated.

Members had previously agreed to extend project activity to 31 January 2023, to help with the achievement of target deliverables. Following a recent contract management meeting, the delivery partner, Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC), has verbally requested a further extension to March 2023 as there is new momentum and interest in the project and an extension would assist with the achievement of agreed targets.

Members are requested to note the Programme Board in December, approved an extension, subject to provisions for the Council's closure period and that no additional monies are required. As such members are requested to approve the extension to 31 March 2023.

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

### **3.2 CYP 2 – Playing our Part in the City**

*The final On-the-Spot Verification/Site Visit took place in December and the OSV report completed and agreed with the Delivery Partner. Members should note that the achievement of results has been completed and evidence supports the achievement of 94% of CYP participants. Final payment is now being progressed.*

Total	604 young people from a target of 640 123 Parents from a target of 100	Closed
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### **3.3 CYP3 – On the Right Track – Sports and Personal Change elements**

As members are aware delivery of this project is high risk and the achievement of targets within the remaining timeframe is highly unlikely. A full review of monitoring data is currently underway.

As such it is recommended that members agree in principle, to explore bringing the project to a close, subject to agreement by BCC Management and SEUPB.

The PEACE IV team is currently liaising with Sports Development to identify outstanding project elements that could be progressed over the coming weeks, such as OCN and Sports Leaders training with Active Communities Network (ACN). It is welcome that ACN acknowledges the challenges with the project and has agreed to provide support to bring the project to a close and also to confirm the final participation figures.

Members are also requested to note that £5 per completed participant for the provision of accredited training has been under claimed by Active Communities Network (ACN) from their tender submission price. Following discussions with SEUPB, approval has been provided to revisit the costings and enable ACN to claim this underpayment. As such members are requested to agree that payments should be reviewed and eligible payment of £5 per complete participant progressed as appropriate.

Preliminary monitoring data shows 811 registered participants with 547 completing the required 26 hours. As referenced above a full review of participation is underway.

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**

An On-the-Spot Verification Site Visit took place in December, however limited information was available due to staff illness, as such a further follow up visit is to be scheduled in January 2023.

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

The closure process is progressing although the On-the-Spot Verification Site Visit planned for December 2022, is to be rescheduled at the request of Co-Operation Ireland.

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

The budget modification for the project has been progressed with SEUPB. On receipt of revised Letter of Offer, the project extension will be progressed as previously approved.

Members are advised that a review of monitoring data submitted to date has been completed. This indicates a level of underachievement in the project. Current data shows that 0/104 core participants (0%) and 9/200 peer participants (4.5%) have met the required contact hours. A further 53 peer participants may be considered as completed, which would take the completion figure for peer participants to 62/200 (31%), see table below:

CYP 5- review Dec 22	100%	50-79.5%	25-49.5%	0-24.5%		
Core Participant numbers 104 target 100 hours	80-100	50-79.5	25-49.5	0-24.5	total participants	Review
Core participants Total	0	8	9	90	107	0/104 achieved target hrs to date
Peer participant numbers 200 target hours 30	24-30hrs (80-100%)	15-23.5 (50-79%)	0-15 0-49%			
Peer participant numbers	9	11	173		193	9/200 achieved target hrs to date
Core to Peer	53				53	
Total participant target 304	62	19	182	90	353	353/304 registered
Agreed reductions as per business case						
Reduction of participants from 900 to 304						
Core hours from 200 to 100						
Peer hours 30 with 80 % OIG applicable						

A positional paper detailing the target hours attained per participant and updated data has been requested from NIHE to confirm the position. *Further discussions with NIHE are underway to consider an alternate approach to address under delivery and/or an additional project modification.*

Discussions with SEUPB on the expected achievement of targets will follow. As such members are requested to note the preliminary level of achievement and agree to delegate authority to the CYP and BPR Thematic Chairs and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report to presented to members in February 2023.

### 3.6 Financial and Resource Implications

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

Preparation for the submission of Period 32 claims is underway, the anticipated CYP expenditure and claims within this period are estimated at £100K, with BCC CYP claims valued at £83k and BPR NIHE valued at £17K



### **3.7 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 Nov 2020.”**

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:

#### **CYP 1 – Tech Connects – Insights element (Belfast Metropolitan College)**

- To approve a project extension to 31 March 2023, subject to provisions for the Council’s closure period.

#### **CYP 3 – On the Right Track Sports element**

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- To note the preliminary level of achievement and
- To agree to delegate authority to the CYP and BPR Thematic Chairs and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report to be presented to members in February 2023.

### **PEACE IV - Update on SSS Theme**

The Peace IV Programme Manager provided the Partnership (SCP) with a progress update in respect of the Shared Spaces and Services (SSS) theme of the PEACE IV Local Action Plan. She advised that the implementation of both the capital and programming elements of the Shared Space and Services theme was continuing.

#### **Springfield Dam**

She advised that preparation for the opening of the public vote, via the Council’s consultation system, Yourspace, had progressed, and it was anticipated that a name would be agreed by February 2023.

#### **PEACE IV Network Scheme – Capital Works**

Work had continued in Section 2 and completion was still on course for June 2023.

All works in Sections 3 and 4 were completed and both sections had been handed over to the Council by the contractor.

## **Signage**

The Director of Physical Programmes had reviewed all information including the Council's language policy. A report was prepared for members' consideration and the Partnership would be updated and advised of any proposed approach.

## **Public Art Pieces**

Floor Art Pieces had been installed in Glencairn Park (Section 1), Springfield Park (Section 3) and Bog Meadows (Section 4). The unveiling of the floor art piece in Glencairn Park had taken place on Thursday 8 December 2022, with local school children and with the Shared City Partnership Chairperson in attendance.

Work on the flag-ship piece was nearing completion, members should note that issues relating to licences and leasing had delayed the installation and official unveiling, until late February 2023.

## **Programming**

Implementation of the programming aspects were progressing.

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

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

The final contracted deliverable of the compendium of stories and narratives into a publication was progressing. A draft foreword from the SCP Chairperson had been compiled and proofed as necessary. A timeframe for the delivery of the publication had been requested from the delivery partner.

The Members were reminded that a reduced level of achievement in relation to participants' contact hours had been agreed and was progressing to SEUPB for approval.

## **Resource Allocation**

The Members were reminded that, following nil responses for community led activity, it was agreed to consider options for the reallocation of the funding and to delegate authority to the BPR Thematic Chair and Programme Manager to consider and agree the approach. The revised Resource Allocation is outlined below:

Interim support for FMCG Volunteer coordination Co-ordination Role Support volunteers to deliver 10 activities along Greenway Approx allocation - Sustrans £7,700; Volunteer Now £2,850; Conservation Volunteers £7,700. Based costs of suppliers	£20,070.00
Coordinated programme of community events Animation of 5 sections with medium event during Jan – May 23 approx £5,000 per event + management fee	£26,930.00
Revised resource allocation support for cross community event / activity – 5 x £5,000 per section	£25,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£72,000.00</b>

The approach had been submitted and agreed by SEUPB. Members were requested to note and agree the reallocation of funding from the Resource Allocation as outlined above.

Steps to mobilise these elements were progressing with volunteer co-ordination progressing through Single Tender Actions (STA) with the Volunteer Leads, a quotation document for a coordinated programme of activities / events had been drafted and issued to SEUPB for review and approval.

The revised resource allocation support documentation would be reviewed in the new year and a call for applications opened to community groups / organisations along the Forth Meadow Community Greenway. A list of possible applicant organisations had been identified.

### 3.6 Shared Space Volunteer Training

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

Volunteers from the Sustrans' lead Cycle Leads project had coordinated a Santa Cycle around Springfield Park / Dam and the surrounding area on Saturday 10 December 2022. As referred to previously, further support for the co-ordination of volunteer activity through the reallocation of the Resource Allocation monies was approved by SEUPB

Single Tender Action (STA) requests to allocate additional monies to each project lead to further co-ordinate have been compiled and

submitted to SEUPB for agreement. SEUPB responded 16 December 2022, requesting some amendment be made, before approval could be given.

### 3.7 Governance / Management Model

MDL and Viatac, facilitated discussions on the implementation of the Governance Model both virtually and in person during December. Meetings with Council Officers, CNS Senior Managers, Youth Providers, FMCG Volunteers and stakeholders including Belfast Met – Springvale Campus. Two workshops with Community Stakeholders also took place. The contractors were analysing the discussions and identifying the next steps to establish interim governance structures.

### 3.8 Youth Engagement and Civic Education

Deliverable targets	Targets achieved
400 young people	271 young people registered from Nubia, Blackmountain, Glencairn, Forthspring, St Peters, Ballysillan, Clonard, Corpus Christi, GVRT, Holy Trinity, Malone College, St Genevieve's and Belfast Boys Model.
60 contact hours per participants	54 young participants have achieved 60+ contact hours.

Delivery of project activity was now gaining momentum. In addition to the 54 young people who had completed the project, Youth Link had provided registration details to BCC for 217 young people registered and actively participating across different groups, referenced below. Forthspring ???

St Genevieve's Malone College Boys Model	Glencairn/Ligoniel Corpus Christi Boys' School	Black Mountain Whitewell/Fortwilliam St Peter's YC / Holy Trinity
Clonard, Limestone & Bluehouses (Ballysillan	Lower Shankill Greater Village Regeneration Trust (GVRT)	

The project was also working with two small groups of detached young men in the Greater Village and Ballysillan areas on an outreach basis and outside of centres. The young people continued to engage and it was anticipated they would be encouraged to attend something within a youth club / centre environment.

Young people from Glencairn Youth Initiatives and Mountain Hill Youth Club had recently participated in a short video with Morrow Communications as part of the Cinematography project and a video record of the project.

### **SSS Activities and Animation Programme**

As previously reported, all animation activity had now been completed. Closure of the project contract was being progressed which included the review of the final project report, monitoring and evaluation data and contract deliverables. After which the final phased payments would be released.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

The total expenditure for the SSS theme remained as previously reported, expenditure claims totalling £2.7m had been submitted to SEUPB for reimbursement, with £1.82m reimbursed to date. Claims for Periods 28-31 valued at £908K remain outstanding.

Preparation for the submission of the Period 32 claim was ongoing, it was estimated that £177k of expenditure would be submitted for reimbursement.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and related appendices and recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it note and agree the reallocation of funding from the Resource Allocation as outlined above.

### **PEACE IV 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**

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- Cross Community Area Networks**

- to note the preliminary level of achievement and agree to delegate authority to the BPR Thematic Chair and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report presented to members in February 2023.

##### **BPR 3 -NICVA**

- To note the on-the-spot verification took place on the 7th December.

## **BPR 5-LINCS**

- to note that the project completed with a small, localised event on the 9th December.

## **BPR 5 Roma**

- to note that the final event was held at Ormeau Bowling centre on Monday 19th December.

### **3.0 Main Report**

#### **Key Issues**

The status and progress with projects are outlined in Appendix I BPR Project Progress report. As members are aware 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)**

Members will be aware of the request to progress with Quantity surveyors for the place shaping concepts, this was not progressed by the delivery partner as both the supporting evidence and time remaining would not enable this element to be realised.

A final celebration event, presenting the place shaping concepts of the CCANs took place on 14 December. The event was well attended and helped establish relationships with CCANs across Belfast.

Verification of data submitted to date indicates participation levels of 130/100 Core participants registered and 294/485 Peer participants registered. However further analysis shows that whilst the participation is high per CCAN, the number of participant/s achieving the required contact hours is significantly lower. The collation of data currently indicates that 16/100 core participants and 91/485 peer participants will have met the required contact hours.

Members should note that the revised business case submitted to SEUPB earlier this year included assurances from NIHE that the reduced targets were achievable.

Further communications with NIHE are underway and discussions with SEUPB on the final position will follow. As such members are requested to note the preliminary level of achievement and agree to delegate authority to the BPR Thematic Chair and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report to be presented to members in February 2023.

### **3.2 BPR2 – Creative Communities Project**

The current projected position indicates that 73 participants have completed 42 hours engagement, with an additional 27 participants due to complete by December 2022, resulting in 100 participants completing from a reduced target figure of 144.

New cohorts are currently being progressed which will increase participation and the outcomes should be in line with agreed targets, and within the SEUPB thresholds. New cohorts being explored include the Short Strand Women's Group/Walkway Community Association with participation from the Short Strand After School Club/Bloomfield Community Association.

Discussions with the leads of the groups are progressing to explore the creative output options with the steering group and the participants. An outline has been presented to the group of what must be achieved, and the timeline permitted for this. The Project Officer is also pursuing draft quotation/s with relevant creative artists, which will be progressed once the groups are deemed viable and can meet targets set.

McCadden continue to work with steering group leads and artists to progress the other booklets.

### **3.3 BPR3 – Transform for Change Project**

Delivery of the Cluster led action plan projects have now completed with the final project unveiling reimagined Gates at Stewartstown Road/Kells Avenue. The event was attended by local community organisations and residents and the reimagining was well received and feedback on the artwork is very positive.

The combined North Belfast Cluster project of £16k were to deliver a final element of a walking tour, estimated to cost approx. £4k. However, the group was unable to complete this activity due to availability of providers to quote, the timeframe and the changing requirements from the agreed and approved action plan project.

Processing of payments and procurement related to the local action plan projects remains ongoing and retrospective works are also underway to ensure eligibility of the claim in this and future claim periods.

An on-the-spot verification visit took place with the delivery partner, NICVA, on the 7th December. Whilst no significant issues were identified, NICVA is to submit some final data

which will then enable project closure and final payment to be progressed.

S3 Solutions, the external evaluation for the Transform for Change project, have submitted their initial evaluation. This is currently being reviewed by the Project Manager and any amends discussed before the final version is accepted and delivery completed. The final evaluation report will be presented to members in a future report

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

### 3.5 **BPR5 – Supporting Connected Communities - LINCS Project**

The LINCS project activity completed at the end of November 2022. A small closure event took place on the 9 December 2022. As turnout was significantly lower than expected (due to illness / weather), the project lead and participants agreed to hold a Supporting Community's event in the City Hall on Monday 16 January at 11am.

The event will combine the closure of both the Traveller and LINCS elements, and an invitation will be extended to the Roma project to add value to the closure of the overall Supporting Communities project. The Traveller exhibitions will be showcased, and the workshop leads, and participants will also be invited to present on their work and experiences.

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

Further remaining actions required are the on-the-spot verification visit and full review of the end report once submitted.

### 3.6 **BPR5 – Roma Project - Supporting Connected Communities**

The Roma project held its closure event on the 19 December 2022. The event celebrated the achievements of the project and was well attended by participants with strong representation from key stakeholders including the Trust, TEO, NIHE and Council



Participants from the Roma community celebrated their success and sang to the guests.

The final position for Forward South is positive with some minor adjustments and mitigations of deliverables, which have been relayed to the funder and confirmation is pending.

Remaining actions to progress the project closure include a full review of the achievement of result and end report, and the on-the-spot verification visit.

### **3.7 BPR6 – St. Comgalls**

Project activity is nearing an end with one rescheduled seminar and the final celebration event to take place, which will contribute to final contact hours.

Potential equality issues relating to the exhibition and educational resources have been discussed with the delivery partner. The delivery partner has committed to reviewing the materials, providing evidence of previous consultation on the materials and also to engage in further consultation on the finalised materials.

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

### **3.8 Cinematography Project**

Filming of suitable opportunities to capture the Belfast Peace Journey is continuing. Filming was completed for SSS Youth Civic Engagement, CYP5 Youth Peer Mentoring, BPR1 final Celebration event. End of project clips for NIHE, SSS and BPR6 will follow in the new year.

### **3.9 Financial and Resource Implications**

As previously reported, expenditure to date within the BPR theme totals £2.95m with £2.77m reimbursed to date. Recently SEUPB verification has progressed reimbursement of £40K of BPR claims for Period 28.

Preparation for the submission of Period 32 claims is underway, the BPR expenditure and claims within this period are estimated at £578K, with BCC BPR claims valued at £147k and BPR NIHE valued at £431.5K

### **3.10 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 Peace IV Programme Manager updated the Partnership that the NIHE had made a last minute, urgent request to extend the BPR1 project to 28 February 2023 to complete consultation sessions on the place shaping. She advised the activity would have limited impact on the achievement of targets / participants, however, it would conclude the place shaping process for the Network and there would be no staffing / budgetary impact. The Partnership agreed, in principle, to extend the BPR1 project to 28 February 2023 to maximise the achievement of targets, subject to agreement with SEUPB and confirmation that the NIHE contractual arrangements enable an extension.

The Chairperson acknowledged that the BPR1 Place Shaping proposals provided potential options for development and requested that officers explore the potential to present the proposals to the Area Working Groups. The Chairperson recognised the success of the Roma event and asked that his congratulations to the team were recorded.

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:

#### **BPR 1 -NIHE- Cross Community Area Networks**

To note the preliminary level of achievement and agree to delegate authority to the BPR Thematic Chair and Programme Manager to progress discussions with SEUPB, with a further report presented to the members in February 2023; and

To extend the BPR1 project to 28 February 2023 to maximise the achievement of targets.

#### **BPR 3 -NICVA**

To note that the on-the-spot verification had taken place on the 7th December.

#### **BPR 5-LINCS**

To note that the project been competed completed with a small, localised event on the 9th December.

#### **BPR 5 Roma**

To note that the final event was held at Ormeau Bowling centre on Monday 19th December.

## **Good Relations Audit and Action Plan 23/24**

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

### **“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues**

To seek approval of Members on the Good Relations Audit and 2023/24 Action Plan.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

That Members note the contents of this report and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agree to the submission of both the Audit and accompanying Good Relations Action Plan to The Executive Office for delivery during 2023/24.

### **3.0 Main report**

#### **Key Issues**

- 3.1 Members will be aware of the Good Relations Audit that has been carried out over the last 7 months. Members will also recall the presentation at the December meeting of the Partnership, which afforded members the opportunity to formally feed into the development of the Audit,
- 3.2 Members are further reminded that that the Council must undertake an independent audit of the Good Relations issues and needs within the City every three years, as part of its letter of offer from the Executive Office for its Good Relations Programme,
- 3.3 Finally, Members will know that each year, The Executive Office invites Council's to submit a Good Relations Action Plan, in order to draw down 75% of the costs associated with the delivery of its Good Relations work. Each Action Plan must be based on an up to date Audit.
- 3.4 Following the December meeting of the Partnership, a final Audit is submitted for agreement, along with an accompanying Action Plan for the coming year. Members are asked to consider the contents of both attachments and if content, agree to recommend their approval to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, for onward submission to The Executive Office.

#### **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 3.5 The annual Good Relations Action Plan is 75% funded by the Executive Office under the District Council's Good Relations Programme. In 23/24, we are requesting an amount of £767,584.36 from TEO with Council's contribution being set at £191,896.09 through the current estimates setting exercise and is subject to Council agreement.

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

#### **3.6 The Good Relations Action Plan, will be screened for equality, good relations and rural needs.**

Members were asked to consider the contents of both attachments and if content, agree to recommend their approval to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, for onward submission to The Executive Office.

After discussion, Members noted the contents of the report and recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agree to the submission of both the Audit and accompanying Good Relations Action Plan to The Executive Office for delivery during 2023/24.

### **District Council Good Relations Action Plan Quarter 3 Update**

The Good Relations Officer referred the Partnership to the report that had been circulated in advance of the meeting and advised that the purpose of the report was to update Members on the delivery of the Good Relations Action Plan during Quarter 3, which covers the period October – December 2022. Members were reminded that the Council receives funding from The Executive Office for the delivery of its annual Good Relations Action Plan. The total value of the Action Plan was £767,584.36. Of this, £495,000 was available for programme costs. The remainder supports the salaries and administration of 6 staff.

During Q3, The Executive Office also provided an additional £7,050 to the Council, which was matched by £2,350 (as reported to the Partnership in November), giving the programming element of the Action Plan an additional £9,400. Therefore, the total value of the Action Plan was £776,984.36, of which £504,400 was for programme costs. Members were reminded that at its last quarterly update in October, £388,691.50 had been allocated for projects in Quarters 1&2. The delivery of the Action Plan had continued during Quarter 3, with a further £115,468 being allocated during this Quarter for Good Relations projects. The total therefore allocated for Good Relations projects for Q1, Q2 and Q3 was £504,159.35.

The Good Relations Officer added that as current live projects started to complete, an underspend of £11,404.15 was identified. This was mainly due to some projects coming in under their allocated amount, while a couple of planned projects did not proceed. A request to reprofile this underspend to support the additional demand for services at the Roma Advice Hub under our BCC5 Programme was agreed with the Executive Office on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

After discussion, Members noted the contents of the report.

### **Upcoming Events**

The Good Relations Officer reminded Members that the Good Relations Unit delivered a large number of events each year and the purpose of this report was to provide members of the Partnership with information on forthcoming events. She drew the Members' attention to the following 2 events that the Good Relations Unit was involved in and said that Members were welcome to attend either of the events.

**Event:** Holocaust Memorial Event: A Living History Lesson shared by Holocaust Survivor Eve Kurger

**Date:** 24th January 2023

**Time:** 10.15am-12.00am

**Format:** Hosted at the Jewish Synagogue

**Registration:** [goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk)

**Event:** Remembering the Roma Holocaust

**Date:** 26 January 2023

**Time:** 10am

**Format:** Online workshop

**Registration:** [goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk)

The Partnership noted the contents of the report.

**Update on PEACE PLUS 1.1. Co-designed Local  
Community Peace Action Plan for Belfast**

The Programme Manager referred Members to the report and advised that its purpose was to provide them 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.

He advised Members that the Co-designed Stage 1 engagement process was complete. Additional engagement sessions had taken place in December and the feedback from these sessions had been included in the end of Stage 1 report which would be discussed at a workshop with SCP members on 19 January 2023. As part of Stage 1 engagement, a public survey was issued. It was opened on Wednesday 30th November 2022 and closed on Wednesday 21st December 2022. A total of **168** surveys were completed and he informed Members that the feedback from survey responses would be included in the Stage 1 report as part of Stage 1 Engagement. The Programme Manager continued his update and said that, while Stage 1 Engagement was complete, members should note that there would be further opportunities for Stakeholders (including those who did not participate in Stage 1) to engage on the development of the plan in Stage 2.

A Stage 1 final draft report was nearing completion. Once this was ready, it would be sent to the Shared City Partnership members for consideration in advance of a workshop. At this workshop on Thursday 19 January, Members would have an opportunity to make final comments before signing off on the report and a more detailed action plan for Stage 2 at the SCP meeting on the 6th February.

The Programme Manager gave Members an update in relation to SEUPB. He explained that Council officers had attended a meeting with SEUPB, their appointed consultants and other Councils. At that meeting, SEUPB had advised that the earliest date for the open call for PEACEPLUS 1.1 Local Community Action Plan would be the end of

**March 23.** Council officers were engaging with SEUPB on the impact that any further delays might have with regards resources required to develop the plan.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and agreed to the process to finalise the Stage 1 report which would include participation in an in person workshop on 19th January to finalise the report.

Chairperson

**SP and R – SCP Papers**

Outline 2023-2024 Good Relations Action Plan

## DCGRP 23/24 Action Plan Programme Summary Table

Total budget available: £767,584.36

Staff costs: £272,584.36

Programme Costs: £495,000

Code	Key Priority	Audit references	Programme Summary	Cost	Programme description
BCC1	All 4 themes – projects will be aligned to relevant theme	Maintain a Good Relations small grants programme, to ensure good relations outcomes across all 4 T:BUC Themes. References are found in pp 3-5, 31-33, 35, 37 & Appendix C, pp 48-51 of Good Relations Audit.	<b>Good Relations Small Grants</b> Criteria will reflect focus on the 4 T:BUC themes and will provide opportunities for organisations across Belfast to support participants to engage in activities which promote the TBUC outcomes. Maximum amount available for grants will be £10,000	A series of grants at up to a total value of £120,000  <b>Total: £120,000</b>	Provision Good Relations grants through an open call. Criteria for funding includes support for projects that engage groups on good relations issues such as tackling sectarianism & racism and promoting cultural diversity.
BCC2	Cultural expression	While many people feel their cultural identity is respected, there is still a need to support the building of capacity for communities to engage on cultural issues on a single identity basis while providing pathways for cross-community engagement as a key part of this process. References are found in pp 29, 31-33, 35, 37 & Appendix C 48-51 of Good Relations Audit.	<b>St Patrick's Day Civic Events programme</b> to embed Good Relations Outcomes into events marking the celebration of Saint Patrick's Day.	£30,000  <b>Total £30,000</b>	Supporting the Tourism and Events Unit with events around St. Patrick's Day to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public events</li> <li>- Cultural activities such as music, dance, poetry</li> </ul>
BCC3	Cultural expression	Embedding a sense of confidence and pride and one's own cultural identity needs to be a key element of work over the next few years, particularly as Belfast enters into being a City of Culture in 2024. References are found in pp 14, 24-25, 29, 32, 35, 37 &	<b>Positive Cultural Expression Programme</b> – to support capacity building to facilitate the positive expression of cultural heritage through training and awareness raising programmes and the provision of bonfire beacons, with a view to cultural inclusion in the City's Culture Year, 2024	Beacons: £20,000  Leadership training: £30,000	Provision of Beacons  Suite of delivery options to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity building</li> <li>- Training and mentoring</li> <li>- Leadership development</li> <li>- Events such as community beacons and local community celebrations</li> </ul>



		Appendix C 48-51 of Good Relations Audit.		<b>Total: £50,000</b>	
BCC4	Shared Community	<p>Civic engagement and learning that works with staff, the public and elected members including on issues of cultural competence.</p> <p>The inclusive approach around the Day of Reflection should be built on and developed further.</p> <p>References are found in pp 4, 29, 36, 38 &amp; Appendix C, 48-51 of Good Relations Audit.</p>	<p><b>Civic Engagement and Learning Programme</b></p> <p>Develop programme of events and training on good relations/diversity issues to increase knowledge of diversity and cultural competence.</p> <p>Involve residents in an enhanced Day of Reflection to mark those who suffered as a result of the conflict in and about Northern Ireland.</p>	<p>£20,000</p> <p><b>Total: £20,000</b></p>	<p>A calendar of programmes and events, open to the public, staff and members on Good Relations issues to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Living Library Event,</li> <li>• Visits to Cultural and Faith locations such as an Orange Hall, Culturlann, Synagogue, Mosque, Orange Museum, Roddy McCorley Museum, sporting bodies, Chinese Resource Centre.</li> <li>• Events to mark Holocaust Memorial Day, Refugee week, Black History Month and Day of Reflection,</li> <li>• Training opportunities to challenge anti-Muslim hatred</li> <li>• Involve delivery partners such as UK Pivot, Tell Mama, Faith Matters, ASCONI.</li> </ul>
BCC5	Safe Community	<p>Develop initiatives to address anti-Muslim hate.</p> <p>Include a programme to identify, provide support to, and help to access boards of major voluntary organisations by people from a minority ethnic background that are currently under-represented - a local voluntary sector <i>Board Apprenticeship</i> project.</p> <p>Examine and explore the response of Council's and communities in Britain, Ireland and further afield regarding managing diversity and tackling systemic racism. References are found in pp 4, 10, 11, 13, 16, 23,</p>	<p><b>Minority Ethnic Equality and Inclusion Programme</b></p> <p>To facilitate partnership working on the inclusion and participation of new communities.</p> <p>To deliver actions arising from the recent Inequalities research, this includes commissioning a volunteer and befriending programme that supports the integration and inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers.</p> <p>To support the Roma Hub to provide outreach and engagement to the Roma Community</p> <p>Support localised opportunities to promote the integration and orientation</p>	<p>£1,000</p> <p>£30,000</p> <p>£11,000</p> <p>£40,000</p>	<p>Quarterly meetings of the Belfast Migrant Forum</p> <p>Working internally and externally to progress a programme of volunteer support that develops the skills of refugees and asylum seekers and links them with opportunities commensurate with their skills.</p> <p>Provision of outreach to the Roma Community, through the Roma Hub</p> <p>Working with Migrant Forum Members, Red Cross, Barnardo's, Conway Education and other Migrant Forum members, to commission proposals to</p>

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		27, 29, 31-33, 36 - 38 & Appendix C, pp 48-51 of Good Relations Audit.	of current minority ethnic communities, through good relations initiatives	<b>Total: £82,000</b>	support the localised integration of new communities.
BCC6	Children and young people	In order to expand its work with young people, the action plan could develop new and innovative projects that are of interest to young people. For example, the links between segregation and improving the environment are areas of interest for young people, as well as supporting strategic priorities including activity within Council assets such as parks and open spaces. References are found in pp 3, 11, 13, 21-22, 25, 28, 29, 31, 35, 37, 38 & Appendix C, pp 48-51 of Good Relations Audit.	<p><b>Involving young people in civic engagement and strategic priorities</b> Implement practical recommendations from the Segregation and the Environment research</p> <p>Involve young people in influencing and participating in programmes in Council parks and open spaces, to create Good Relations activity through such engagement.</p>	<p>£20,000</p> <p>£20,000</p> <p><b>Total: £40,000</b></p>	<p>Develop and deliver a plan of action to involve young people in initiatives that can improve the environment while also contributing to reducing segregation and improving Good Relations.</p> <p>Support the Council's Parks Outreach team to create Good Relations activity within parks and open spaces that can contribute to building Good Relations outcomes in such public spaces.</p>
BCC7	Safe Community	<p>Develop initiatives to challenging sectarianism and racism, the influence of paramilitarism, hate incidents and crimes.</p> <p>Belfast City Council should be leading in delivering anti-sectarianism projects. This was identified as the most significant issue in the audit. References are found in pp 3-5, 9-11, 16, 22-23, 28-29, 31-33, 35-38 &amp; Appendix C 48-51 of Good Relations Audit.</p>	<p><b>Interface Engagement and tackling sectarianism &amp; racism</b> Work with a range of internal and external stakeholders to identify strategic projects that will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. develop and deliver a city-wide initiative on anti-sectarianism and anti-racism to include other agencies and government</li> <li>2. support progress towards the softening, transformation and/or removal of interface barriers.</li> </ol>	<p>£20,000</p> <p>£60,000</p> <p><b>Total £80,000</b></p>	<p>Deliver strategic training, information and engagement work to tackle sectarianism and racism</p> <p>Work with key community delivery agents to deliver innovative localised cross-interface projects to build relations at the local level</p>
BCC8	Children & Young people	Need to involve young people in Good Relations initiatives. References are found in pp 3, 11, 13, 21-22, 25, 28, 29, 31, 35, 37,	<p><b>Shared Education Schools Programme</b> To support shared education activity between pupils from P5 – P7, including</p>	£25,000	Deliver a menu of interactive engagement activities between the 4 partnerships to increase

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		38 & Appendix C, pp 48-51 of Good Relations Audit.	cross community engagement between parents, across 4 partnerships (9 schools).	<b>Total £25,000</b>	understanding and respect for different community and racial backgrounds.
BCC 9	All 4 themes – projects will be aligned to relevant theme	Continue to support Strategic and pro-active programmes that address anti-social behaviour and localised hate crime. References are found in pp 3, 21-22, 25, 28, 29, 31, 35, 37 & Appendix C, pp 48-51 of Good Relations Audit.	<b>Strategic Intervention Programme</b> To deliver a targeted, strategic and proactive intervention programme to address good relations issues arising from conflict, anti-social behaviour and localised hate crime.	4 X £12,000 projects  <b>Total £48,000</b>	Deliver 4 year-long, area based, good relations focussed strategic intervention projects across Belfast. Local consortia will be invited to apply for this programme.
				<b>£495,000</b>	

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Equality and Diversity: Equality Screening and Rural Needs Outcome Report – Quarter 2 2022-23</b>
<b>Date:</b>	20th January, 2023
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Nora Largey City Solicitor / Director Legal and Civic Services
<b>Contact Officers:</b>	Sarah Williams, Governance and Compliance Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to set out the Quarterly Screening Outcome Report of equality screenings and rural needs impact assessments for Quarter 2 2022-23.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to note the Quarterly Screening Outcome Report, which will be published on the Council's website.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	As the Committee will be aware, the Council has a duty, under section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, to have:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity in relation to the nine equality categories; and</li> <li>• Regard to the desirability of promotion good relations</li> </ul> <p>It also needs, under section 1 of the Rural Needs Act (Northern Ireland) 2016, to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due regard to rural needs when developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans, and when designing and delivering public services</li> </ul> <p>To this end, the Council has a process to carry out equality screening and rural needs assessment of new and revised policies. This allows any impacts related to equality of opportunity, good relations or rural needs to be identified and addressed.</p>
3.2	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>An equality screening and rural needs impact assessment template is completed by the relevant officer, in collaboration with the Equality and Diversity Unit. On a regular basis, the Unit collates all completed templates into a screening outcome report and publishes onto the Council's website along with the relevant completed templates. The current screening outcome report for Quarter 2 2022-23 is attached.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>This report contributes to the Council's compliance with section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and Rural Needs Act 2016.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Document Attached</b>
	Screening Outcome Report for Q2 2022-23



**Belfast**  
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**Equality Screening Outcome Report and Rural Needs Impact  
Assessment from July to September 2022**

## Introduction

### Legislation – An Overview

#### Section 75 Statutory Equality Duties

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires the Council, when carrying out its functions in relation to Northern Ireland, to have due regards to the need to promote equality of opportunity between nine categories of persons, namely:

- between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;
- between men and women generally;
- between persons with a disability and persons without; and
- between persons with dependants and persons without.

Without prejudice to its obligations above, the council must also have regards to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

The Council's Revised Equality Scheme was formally approved by the Equality Commission in March 2021. The revised Scheme outlines how we propose to fulfil our statutory duties under Section 75. Within the Scheme, the council gave a commitment to apply the screening methodology below to all new and revised policies and where necessary and appropriate to subject new policies to further equality impact assessment.

- What is the likely impact of equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy/proposal, for each of the Section 75 equality categories?
- Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within Section 75 equality categories?
- To what extent is the policy/proposal likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?



- Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

In keeping with the Council's commitments in its Equality Scheme, the Council has applied the above screening criteria to new policies and proposals. Screening identifies policies that are likely to have an impact on equality of opportunity and/or good relations.

Screening identifies the impact of the policy/proposal as major, minor or none.

- If major – an Equality Impact Assessment may be carried out.
- If minor – consider mitigation or alternative policy and screen out.
- If none – screen out and give reasons.
- Ongoing screening – for strategies/policies that are to be put in place through a series of stages – screen at various stages during implementation.

The council also committed within its Revised Equality Scheme to prepare and publish for information regular reports on its screening exercises. This is screening report providing details on all screenings undertaken from the period April to June 2022.

### **Rural Needs Impact Assessments**

The Council also has a statutory duty under the Rural Needs (Northern Ireland) Act 2016 to consider rural needs in the development of new policies, plans or strategies or in any service design/delivery decisions. The Council must therefore engage with rural stakeholders in relation to policy development when it is relevant and appropriate. The Equality and Diversity Unit is responsible for reporting to the Strategic, Policy and Resources Committee and for ensuring that annual reporting returns are submitted to DAERA.

To further promote openness and transparency, there is a link to each completed screening and rural needs impact assessment template on the Council's website.

[www.belfastcity.gov.uk](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk)

The templates details all policies screened over this period and includes decisions reached.

## **Consultation**

The development of new policies and proposals will be supported by effective engagement processes to ensure that staff, service users and all interested parties are fully involved.

Planning for, and delivering safe and cost effective services requires close collaboration at many levels.

If you have any queries about this document, and its availability in alternative formats (including Braille, disk and audio cassette, and in other languages to meet the needs of those who are not fluent in English) then please contact:

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## **Screening Outcome**

The screening outcomes are outlined in the table below. Three possible outcomes are recorded:

If **Major** – an Equality Impact Assessment may be carried out. **EQIA** - subject to further scrutiny under Section 75 of the NI Act 1998 to determine the impact upon

those directly affected, which in turn will require informal and formal consultation with a wide range of stakeholders.

If **Minor** – consider mitigation or alternative policy and screen out.

If **None** – screen out and give reasons.

### Screening Outcome Options

Major= In

Minor= Out with mitigation

None= Out without mitigation

### Rural Needs Impact Assessment Options

Does the policy, plan, strategy or service design/delivery impact on the social and economic needs of people in rural areas?

### Belfast City Council Equality Screening Outcome Report and Rural Needs Impact Assessment

This report includes published screenings and Rural Needs Impact Assessments for the period July – September 2022. Copies can be found at:

<http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/council/equality/eqia.aspx>

Description of Policy/Proposal	Rural Needs Impact Assessment	ECNI Screening Decision and Contact
Re-opening of Cherryvale Gate	This plan will have no detrimental impact on rural area residents of Belfast	Screened Out – Mitigating Actions (minor impacts)  Contact: Colin Willetts
On-boarding of Services/Returning to the Workplace	This policy will have no detrimental impact on rural area residents of Belfast	Screened Out – Mitigating Actions (minor impacts) Contact: Catherine Christy
Car User Policy	This plan will have no detrimental impact on rural area residents of Belfast	Screened Out – No EQIA necessary (no impacts)  Contact: Sharon Steele

Hub In Roadmap	This brief will have no detrimental impact on rural area residents of Belfast	Screened Out – No EQIA necessary (no impacts)  Contact: Andrea Thornbury
Naming of Park at Colin	This brief will have no detrimental impact on rural area residents of Belfast	Screened Out – No EQIA necessary (no impacts)  Contact: Alice McGlone