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Legal and Civic Services Department
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City Council**

**MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
-ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS TO FOLLOW**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet both online and in-person, in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Friday, 20th March, 2026 at 9.30 am, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

2. **Restricted Items**

(e) Asset Management (1) (Pages 1 - 6)

(f) Independently Managed Community Centres (Pages 7 - 14)

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(b) Boxing Strategy (Pages 15 - 18)

5. **Physical Programme and Asset Management**

(b) Asset Management (2) (Pages 19 - 32)

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(a) Contracts Update (Pages 33 - 44)

7. **Equality and Good Relations**

(a) Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting (Pages 45 - 82)

(e) Minutes of Disability Working Group of 18th March, 2026 (WITHDRAWN)

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Subject:	The Belfast Boxing Strategy 2026-2027
Date:	20 March 2026
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan – Operational Director, City and Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Paddy McGrattan – Leisure Development Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is:</p> <p>To seek committee approval to extend the Belfast Boxing Strategy and delivery of the related programme for a final year from 1 April 2026 until 31 March 2027.</p> <p>Future funding arrangements for this programme will be determined following adoption of the new Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy for Belfast including a new action plan and funding arrangements.</p>
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Members of the Committee are asked:</p> <p>i. To extend the Belfast Boxing Strategy and funding for delivery of the related work programme from 1 April 2026 until 31 March 2027.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>At SP&R Committee on the 19th December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agrees to invite the IABA to a future meeting to discuss the implementation and recommendations made in a NI Equality Commission report; • Approves the Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 payment to the IABA; and • Requests that future funding be considered for the delivery and continuation of the Council's Boxing Strategy post March 2026. <p>3.2 The IABA have been invited to the SP&R committee to discuss both their response to the Equality Commission and the work carried out through the boxing strategy.</p> <p><u>Belfast Boxing Strategy</u></p> <p>3.3 Council with Partners developed a Belfast Boxing Strategy 2012 – 2022. The January 2018 Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreed to provide £200,000 to the Irish Athletic Boxing Association Ulster Branch (IABA) for delivery of an agreed annual action plan supporting the Belfast Boxing Strategy. Council has continued to offer financial support through People and Communities committee on an annual basis.</p> <p>3.4 The IABA provided SP&R with a detailed breakdown of programmes to be delivered under six main areas. Salary – Development Officer and Coaches, Pathways, Events, Coach Education, Club Support and Governance.</p>

3.5	<p>The below table highlights the current timeline for the development, consultation and implementation of the new Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 304 1493 1122"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="280 304 882 353">Action</th> <th data-bbox="882 304 1493 353">Timeline</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="280 353 882 461">Presentation to elected members via Party Group Briefings</td> <td data-bbox="882 353 1493 461">March - 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="280 461 882 568">Presentation to SP&R Committee for approval</td> <td data-bbox="882 461 1493 568">March/April - 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="280 568 882 618">Conduct final 12 week public consultation</td> <td data-bbox="882 568 1493 618">May 2026-July 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="280 618 882 667">Review of findings from Public Consultation</td> <td data-bbox="882 618 1493 667">August 2026- September 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="280 667 882 819">Report requesting approval of the new Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy to P & C Committee</td> <td data-bbox="882 667 1493 819">October 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="280 819 882 869">Development of Strategy Delivery Plan</td> <td data-bbox="882 819 1493 869">October- December 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="280 869 882 976">Report requesting approval of final Action Plan to P & C Committee</td> <td data-bbox="882 869 1493 976">January 2027</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="280 976 882 1122">Launch of the New Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy and Action Plan</td> <td data-bbox="882 976 1493 1122">February 2027</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Action	Timeline	Presentation to elected members via Party Group Briefings	March - 2026	Presentation to SP&R Committee for approval	March/April - 2026	Conduct final 12 week public consultation	May 2026-July 2026	Review of findings from Public Consultation	August 2026- September 2026	Report requesting approval of the new Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy to P & C Committee	October 2026	Development of Strategy Delivery Plan	October- December 2026	Report requesting approval of final Action Plan to P & C Committee	January 2027	Launch of the New Physical Activity and Sports Development Strategy and Action Plan	February 2027
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3.6	<p>The above timelines highlights that Belfast City Council will not have a new PASD strategy in place for the financial year for 2026/27.</p>																		
3.7	<p>Members are asked to consider extending the boxing strategy for one year whilst the new strategy and implementation plan is developed.</p>																		
3.8	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>A total of £200,000 is available within the next financial year to support a new Belfast Boxing Strategy Action Plan</p>																		
3.9	<p><u>Equality Impact/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no additional impacts related to this report.</p>																		
4.0	<p>Appendices – No documents attached</p>																		
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Subject:	Asset Management i) Derriaghy Glen Linear Park – Disposal ii) Westland – Acquisition of Land iii) Alexandra Park – Licence for Works and Easement iv) 35-39 Royal Avenue – New Short-Term Lease
Date:	20 th March 2026
Reporting Officer:	Sinead Grimes, Director of Property & Projects
Contact Officer:	Pamela Davison, Estates Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee on asset related disposal, acquisition and estates matters.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to approve:</p> <p>i) Derriaghy Glen Linear Park - Disposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve the submission of an application to the Department for Communities (DfC) to seek approval for a disposal at less than best value for the land currently owned by the Council at Derriaghy Glen Linear Park - Agree to the disposal of the lands subject to receiving DfC consent to a less than best value disposal at nil consideration <p>ii) Westlands – Acquisition of Land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve the purchase of land adjacent to Westlands from Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service to facilitate the development of a new community facility and MUGA. <p>iii) Alexandra Park – Licence and Easement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve a licence for works and easement with JAMDAC Developments Ltd for the installation of a storm drain and associated headwall within Alexandra Park. <p>iv) 35-39 Royal Avenue – New Short-Term Lease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve the granting of a 9-month lease to ResStock3D for 35-39 Royal Avenue at an initial rent of £1,600 per month with the first month rent free.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>i) Derriaghy Glen Linear Park - Disposal</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Council acquired a portion of land at Derriaghy Glen Linear Park of c. 1.747 acres (shown delineated red on map at Appendix 1) from Lisburn City Council (LCC) as part of Local Government Reform (LGR) in 2015. This land is held by way of a 10,000-year Lease between the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) and the former Lisburn Borough Council (now vested in BCC). The land which transferred over to the Council from LCC lies immediately adjacent to a larger portion of Derriaghy Glen Linear Park which was retained by the new Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council (LCCC) during its formation under LGR. Both the</p>

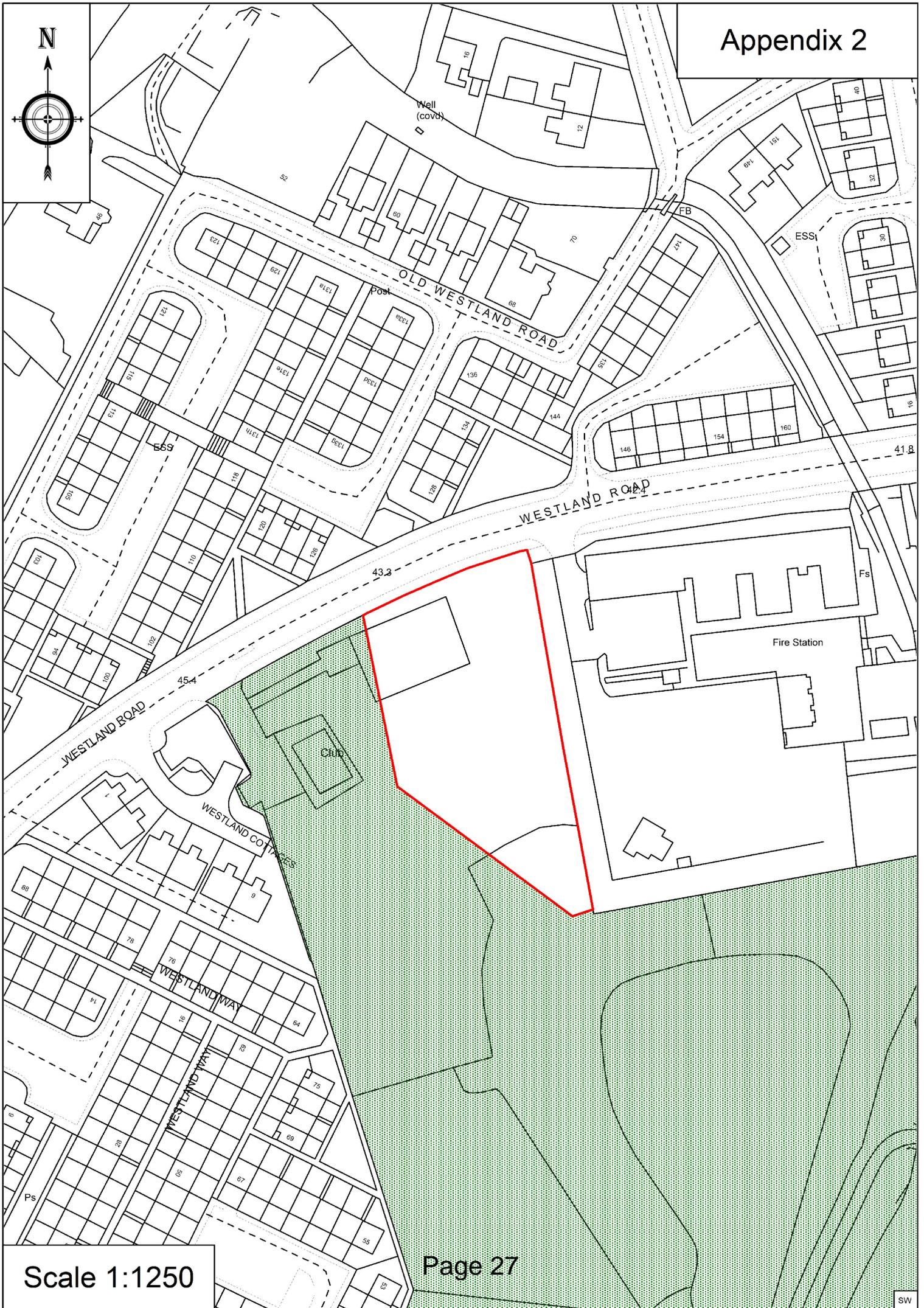
	<p>Council and LCCC agree that from a practical perspective the entirety of Derriaghy Glen Liner Park should have remained in the ownership of only one Council. The land originally transferred to the Council at nil cost under LGR and subject to Members approval, it is proposed the land will therefore transfer from the Council to LCCC at nil consideration. An independent valuation of the land currently in the Council's ownership, has been carried out by LPS which advised a value of £20,000 for the land. The approval of DfC is required for a disposal at less than best value (nil consideration) in accordance with the terms of Section 96 (5) of the Local Government (NI) Act 1972. Subject to Members and DfC approval, the disposal will be by way of Assignment.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit. Each party will bear its own legal costs. Subject to all approvals being obtained, the disposal will take place at nil consideration.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.2	<p>ii) Westland – Acquisition of Land</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Council previously disposed of lands at Westland adjoining the Waterworks to Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue (NIFRS) in 1995. A portion of this land, extending to approximately 0.88 acres has been left unused by NIFRS for a number of years. In 2013, Belfast City Council installed a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the Council lands at the site. A portion of the lands which had been sold to NIFRS were erroneously incorporated into a section of the MUGA development.</p> <p>Funding has now been secured for a significant investment into a new £1m community hub at Westland as part of the Urban Villages Initiative under the Executive Office and under LIF. An integral part of the project is the refurbishment and upgrade of the MUGA and there is the requirement to regularise title before this element is carried out. Officers have approached NIFRS and requested that the land utilised for the MUGA be transferred back to Council. NIFRS have offered instead to transfer back all of the unused lands totalling approx. 0.88 acres and instructed an independent valuation of the NIFRS lands by Land and Property Services (LPS). The market value of the lands has been assessed at £40,000. The map attached at Appendix 2 shows the land outlined red on the plan and the adjoining Waterworks site shaded green. Members are asked to note without this the MUGA element of the project cannot proceed. Members are asked to approve the acquisition of the lands extending to 0.88 acres based on the LPS market valuation.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications.</u></p>

	<p>The Council will incur a cost of £40,000 to acquire the lands. Legal Services shall act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit to finalise the transfer.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.3	<p>iii) Alexandra Park – Licence for Works and Easement</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>JAMDAC Developments Ltd (JAMDAC) are currently completing the final phase of construction of 11 social housing units at Parkside Gardens, with the development scheduled to be handed over to Alpha Housing Association at the end of April 2026. JAMDAC have requested the permission of the Council to install an associated storm drain across a section of Council lands at Alexandra Park. This will require a 6metre wide easement to facilitate future repair and maintenance of the storm drain associated with the housing development. The map attached at Appendix 3 shows Alexandra Park outlined red, with the proposed storm drain location highlighted blue and the easement area shaded yellow. The drain will discharge into an open watercourse and JAMDAC have already secured consent to discharge from DfI Rivers. The proposed outfall location, discharge method and associated infrastructure have been designed to comply with the conditions of the consent, ensuring that flows are appropriately controlled and that all regulatory requirements are met. Given the close proximity of the works to the existing dam within Alexandra Park, approval has also been sought from and granted by the Council's Reservoir Supervising Engineer. Officers have negotiated a one-off licence fee of £5,000 with JAMDAC for the benefit of a 99-year easement incorporating a licence to carry out the initial installation, subject to Members approval. Members are also asked to note that the works have been looked at in the context of the proposed 'Reconnected Belfast' capital works and officers are content that these have no impact.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications.</u></p> <p>The Council will receive a fee of £5,000. Legal Services will act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit to prepare and finalise the associated legal documentation.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.4	<p>iv) 35-39 Royal Avenue – New Short-Term Lease</p> <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The 35-39 Royal Avenue building, shown outlined in red on the Site Map attached at Appendix 4, was acquired via the City Centre Investment Fund for regeneration purposes aligned to the reactivation and repopulation of Royal Avenue. The building has been vacant for a number of years. Since acquisition works have been undertaken to refresh the building with a new shop frontage and exterior lighting scheme. Developmental work remains ongoing to determine the</p>

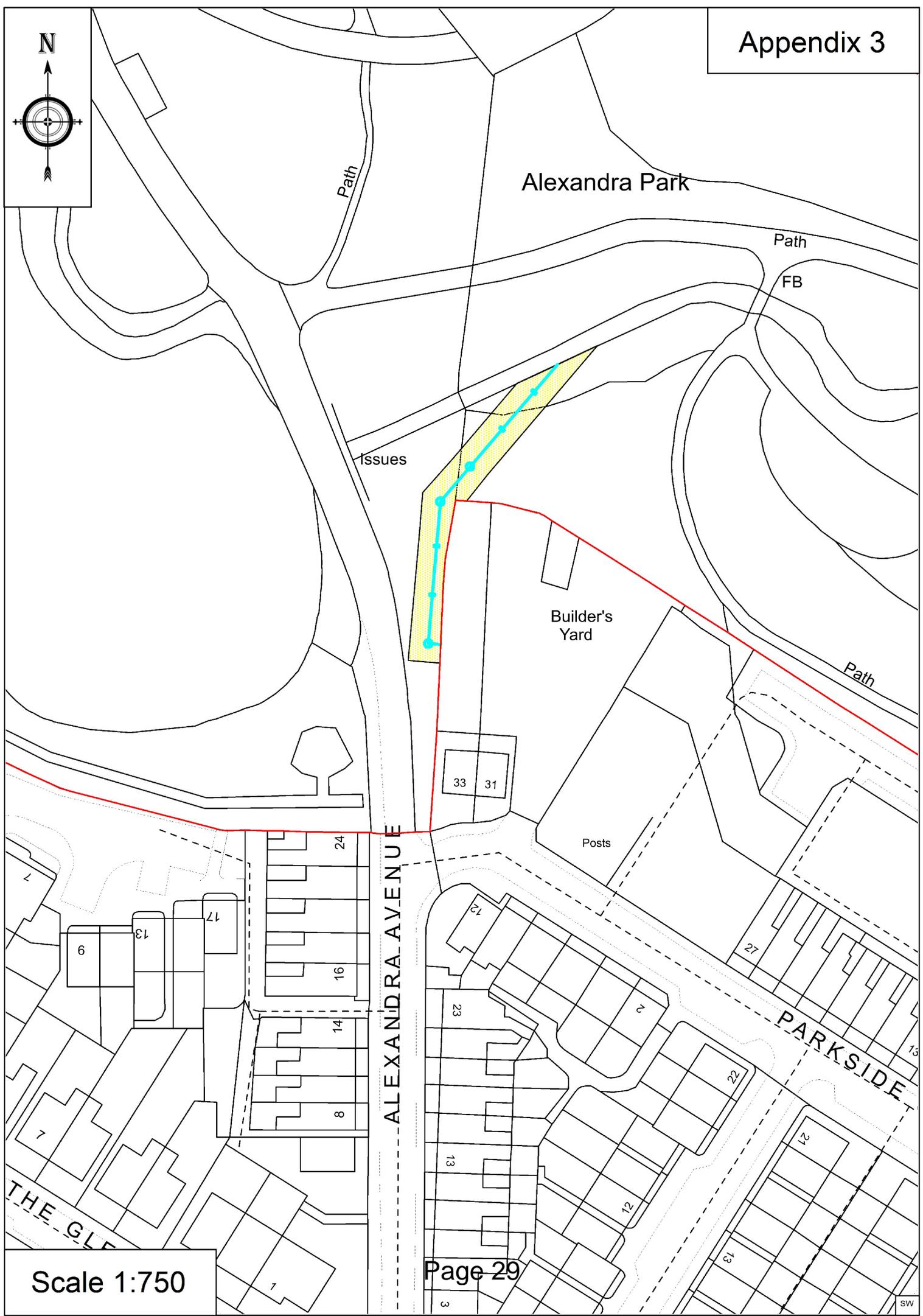
	<p>best use for the entire building on a long-term basis, including reactivating the upper floors, with reports to be brought back on potential longer-term uses. Council is seeking a short term let pending redevelopment of the entire building, and 35-39 Royal Avenue has been actively marketed as a temporary let since September 2025. An expression of interest has recently been submitted by ReStock3D Ltd. This organisation has a strong online leisurewear presence, expanding recently to a permanent retail outlet in Glasgow following a trial pop-up period. The organisation is seeking to trial the Belfast market on a pop-up basis with a view to testing a longer-term presence in the city. Members are asked to approve the granting of a 9-month lease to ResStock3D for 35-39 Royal Avenue at an initial rent of £1,600 per month with the first month rent free. A Deposit of £3,200 and a guarantor have also been offered by the proposed tenant.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications.</u></p> <p>The Council will receive a rent of £1,600 per month. Legal Services will act on the instructions of the Estates Management Unit to prepare and finalise the draft lease.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>Appendix 1 – Lands at Derriaghy Glen Linear Park of c. 1.747 acres delineated red.</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Lands to be acquired from NIFRS outlined red adjacent the Waterworks site shaded green.</p> <p>Appendix 3 - Map showing the proposed location of the storm drain coloured blue, easement area shaded yellow, and the extent of Alexandra Park outlined red.</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Site Map 35-39 Royal Avenue.</p>

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Subject:	Contracts Update
Date:	20 March 2026
Reporting Officer:	Sharon McNicholl, Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Corporate Services
Contact Officer:	Lewis Murray, Strategic Category Manager

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	The purpose of this report is to:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek approval from members for tenders, contract modifications to contract term and Single Tender Actions (STA) over £30,000
2.0	Recommendations
	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 1) • Approve the award of STAs in line with Standing Order 55 exceptions as detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 2) • Approve the modification of the contract as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 3)
3.0	Competitive Tenders
	<p>Section 2.5 of the Scheme of Delegation states Chief Officers have delegated authority to authorise a contract for the procurement of goods, services or works over the statutory limit of £30,000 following a tender exercise where the council has approved the invitation to tender.</p> <p>Standing Order 60(a) states any contract that exceeds the statutory amount (currently £30,000) shall be made under the Corporate Seal. Under Standing Order 51(b) the Corporate Seal can only be affixed when there is a resolution of the Council.</p> <p>Standing Order 54 states that every contract shall comply with the relevant requirements of national and European legislation.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to approve the public advertisement of tenders as per Standing Order 37a detailed in Appendix 1 (Table 1).</p>
4.0	Single Tender Actions (STAs)
	<p>The Council's current Single Tender Action (STA) process, which has been in place since 2020, provides assurance that the Council continues to comply with its obligations under the Procurement Act 2023 'the Act' and internal governance arrangements including required controls and approvals. It mirrors the Act setting out the exceptional and specific circumstances when a STA can be used (see STA/ Direct Award Reasons Table in Appendix 1).</p> <p>To support Officers understanding and to build capability, CPS offer support training and guidance on the STA process.</p> <p>In line with Standing Order 55 the Committee is asked to approve the award of the STAs in Appendix 1 (Table 2).</p>

5.0	Modification to Contract
	The Committee is asked to approve the following modification of the contract as per Standing Order 37a as set out in Appendix 1 (Table 3).
6.0	Tender pipeline
	To support transparency and assist supplier planning, Members should note that Future Tendering Opportunities are published bi-annually on the Councils website. The current update Tendering opportunities covers future tendering opportunities up to 31 st March 2027. Note: CPS consult with Departments to help populate this procurement pipeline and are reliant on Departments sharing their available procurement plans.
7.0	Financial & Resource Implications
	The financial resources for these contracts are within approved corporate or departmental budgets.
8.0	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
	None
9.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table 1 - Competitive Tenders • Table 2 - Single Tender Actions • Table 3 - Modification to Contract

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Table 1: Competitive Tenders

Title of Tender	Proposed Contract Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Short description of goods / services	On published pipeline (Y/N)	Prior Committee approval (Y/N) If Y name Committee & Date	External Funding (Y/N)
Adobe licences	Up to 1 year	£55,000	P Gribben	Widely used software used by staff across the Council. This tender will consolidate all current Adobe licences into a single contract.	N	N	N
Provision of Travel Services	Up to 5 years	£495,000	S McNicholl	To support Officers and Members when booking travel and accommodation as part of their duties. Contract value includes all forecasted spend on travel related costs plus any supplier management fees.	N	N	N
The supply of Original Equipment Manufacturer 'OEM' parts for range of vehicles	Up to 5 years	£2,750,000	D Sales	Fleet are to amalgamate current separate `contracts into one OEM spare parts tender (using Lots). Covers parts for DAF, Iveco, Scarab, Dennis Eagle, Holder/Schmidt, Fiat and John Deere and supports warranty cover for these OEMs. Some current contracts require short extensions to align expiry dates – see Table 2.	Y	N	N
Supply and Erection of Street Nameplates	Up to 4 years	£240,000	K Bentley	To supply and erect street nameplates within Belfast	Y	N	N

Appendix 1

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Digitisation of Building Control Records	Up to 4 years	£140,000	K Bentley	Digitisation of building control hard copy files to include application forms, plans, specifications and reports	Y	N	N
Commissioning of case work and advice programme for Communities from Minority Ethnic Background	Up to 3 years	£760,000	D Sales	<p>Funding has been received from Executive Office who have asked all Councils to commission advice services for new communities.</p> <p>Initial funding £380,000 for 18 months secured. Extension option for a further £380,000/ 18 months to be included, subject to further funding being secured.</p>	N	Funding/approach approved by Shared City Partnership & SP&R in Dec 25.	Y
North Foreshore Maintenance Contracts	Up to 5 years	£350,000	S Grimes	To provide a Term Service Contract for maintenance works (both scheduled and reactionary/emergency) at the North Foreshore – Giant’s Park site. The contract reflects the unique nature and conditions of the site as a former landfill site. The emergency works (if required) will provide a contractor response within 1 hour and works within 4 hours of notification – this is particularly important for the services associated with the landfill capping, leachate and gas ancillaries.	N	N	N
Insurance Valuation Services	Up to 3 years	£90,000	T Wallace	This specialist service ensures all council assets are insured for the correct amount to avoid the risk of underinsurance in the event of a claim. All assets assessed over a 3-year programme.	Y	N	N

Appendix 1

Strategic oversight & support for the development of the Belfast Vulnerability Model and transfer of learning to other community planning priorities	Up to 2 years	£100,000	J Tully	Building upon the success of the initial phases of the Complex Lives initiative, there is still a need for and benefit of independent advisory and strategic support. The additional capacity, experience and objectivity provided helped translate our ambitions into an actionable programme, roadmap and helped shape the emerging operating model and enabling partnership.	N	N	N
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Table 2: Single Tender Actions

Title	Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Description	Supplier	STA Reason
Page 39 Hire of The Belfast SOS Bus for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann	Up to 2 years	£98,000	K Forster	The Belfast SOS Bus provides a mobile, non-judgemental safe space on the streets, offering a range of support including first aid, mental health intervention, and harm reduction. It offers practical assistance like refreshments, transport home, and referrals to other services. There is no other provider of this service for Belfast. STA approved at Dec 25 SP&R to cover Fleadh 26. Re-submitted for approval to cover up to 2 years (i.e. Fleadh 26 with option for Fleadh 27)	The Belfast SOS Bus	3
Fleadh Cheoil Belfast 2026 Volunteer Services (Phase 2)	Up to 1 year	£177,472	D Martin	Volunteer Now is the only organisation in NI with experience and capacity of co-ordinating and managing a complex, high profile, volunteering programme of the scale of the Fleadh (approx. 1200-1500 volunteers). A STA with Volunteer Now was approved by SP&R in Aug 25 (Phase 1) to cover the initial planning stages for Fleadh 26. This STA is to cover the next delivery phase. A further STA will be required with	Volunteer Now	3

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Title	Duration	Est. Max Contract Value	SRO	Description	Supplier	STA Reason
				Volunteer Now to cover cost of uniforms. Costs for this will be finalised shortly.		
Hire of Road Train for Belfast Zoo (6-month trial)	Up to 6 months	£75,000	K Forster	With current Zoo Mobile approaching end of life, the Zoo would like to trial the use of a hop-on hop-off accessible road train which would improve accessibility and the customer experience at the Zoo. Electric Events are the only company that has a road train available for hire at a reasonable cost.	Electric Events	3

Table 3: Modification to Contract

Title of Contract	Original Contract Duration & Value	Modification – Period & Value	SRO	Description	Supplier
Provision of asylum support and capacity building programme (T2605)	Up to 1 year & £100k	Additional 1 year and £70k	J Girvan	<p>In 2024 Council approved the approach to procure a training and capacity resource to support wider community and voluntary organisations to enhance their ability and skills to provide services to minority ethnic communities. Following an open tender exercise Law Centre NI were appointed (only bidder). Additional funding has been received from the Executive Office to support services for asylum seekers and other new Communities in Belfast. At the Shared City Partnership in December members agreed to recommend to SP&R to have a further phase of this work. This has also been endorsed by the Executive Office.</p> <p>An extension of 1 year is recommended with the supplier to deliver this next phase. The marketplace has not changed since the original tender and, given the requirement for the contractor to be accredited at providing immigration advice, it would be expected that should a further tendering process be undertaken that other bidders would not respond.</p>	Law Centre Northern Ireland

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Title of Contract	Original Contract Duration & Value	Modification – Period & Value	SRO	Description	Supplier
Provision of Building Management and Operations at 2 Royal Avenue - T2583	Up to 18 months & £326k	Additional 6 month and £113,108	D Martin	The extension of 2RA's operator contract will allow the venue to remain as a primary venue for both Fleadh and Culture Night 2026, whilst retaining the operational knowledge and expertise that MayWe have gained as operators. Extension until 31 December 2026 will also allow the annual Winter's Den (Council-funded Christmas programming) and Santa's Post Office (Belfast One funded) to remain in the venue in December 2026.	MayWe
Provision of Strategic Oversight and Support for Complex Lives and Community Planning – T2433	Up to 32 months & £200k	3 months & £30k	J Tully	The Council intends to commission a new tender for the independent advisory and strategic support for the widening of both focus and impact of the Complex Lives initiative through the creation of a Belfast Vulnerability Model; however, a short 3-month extension is requested whilst this tender exercise is progressed. The extension will maintain momentum and drive, retain the commitment and involvement of partners as well as facilitate the effective transfer of knowledge and experience.	Marsh Public Service Solutions
Supply of Scarab OEM vehicles parts (T2304)	Up to 3 years & £165k	Additional 3 months & £10k	S Leonard	Extend the contract expiry date by 3 months to align expiry dates with the new OEM spare parts tender – see table 1.	McCreath Taylor Ltd
Supply of DAF OEM vehicles parts (T2312)	Up to 3 years & £150k	Additional 3 months & £9.5k	S Leonard	Extend the contract expiry date by 3 months to align expiry dates with the new OEM spare parts tender – see table 1.	TBF Thompson (Garvagh) Ltd
Supply of Iveco OEM vehicles parts (T2294)	Up to 3 years & £165k	Additional 3 months & £10k	S Leonard	Extend the contract expiry date by 3 months to align expiry dates with the new OEM spare parts tender – see table 1.	NI Trucks
Facilities Management Service for Mary Peter's Track – T1856	Up to 6 years & £1.06m	Additional 2 months & £30k	S Leonard	The evaluation of the replacement tender for this service is being finalised; however, negotiations with the preferred supplier over the final management fee is ongoing. A 2-month extension will allow for these negotiations to be finalised, and the replacement tender awarded.	Athletics NI

STA/ Direct Award Reasons

STA Number	Full description
1. Switching to a Direct Award	Switching to a Direct Award: No response or no suitable response following advertised procurement exercise.
2. Single Supplier for Art or Artistic Performance	Single Supplier for Art or Artistic Performance: the creation or acquisition of a unique work of art or artistic performance
3. Single Supplier Absence of Competition for Technical Reasons	Single Supplier Absence of Competition for Technical Reasons: only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required and there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works
4. Single Supplier Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	Single Supplier Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): only particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required due to that particular supplier having IPR or other exclusive rights and there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.
5. Urgency	Urgency: Where the goods, services or works to be supplied under the public contract are strictly necessary for reasons of extreme and unavoidable urgency which is not attributable to any act or omission of and could not have been foreseen by the council, and as a result the public contract cannot be awarded on the basis of a competitive tendering procedure using the reduced 10 day period for 'urgent procurements'
6. Prototypes and Development	Prototypes and Development: the production of a prototype, or supply of other novel goods or services (i.e. goods or services designed or developed at the request of BCC), for the purpose of testing the suitability of the goods or services, researching the viability of producing or supplying the goods or services at scale and developing them for that purpose, or other research, experiment, study or development.
7. Additional or Repeat Goods Services or Works	Additional or Repeat Goods Services or Works: Extension or Partial Replacement concerns the supply of goods, services or works by the existing supplier (includes supplier that the council no longer has a contract with) which are intended as an extension to, or partial replacement of, existing goods, services or works in circumstances where a change in supplier would result in the council receiving goods, services or works that are different from, or incompatible with, the existing goods, services or works, and the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation or maintenance.
8. Commodity	Commodity: Supplies quoted and purchased on a commodity market

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STA Number	Full description
9. Advantageous time-limited	Advantageous time-limited: Supplies or services on particularly time-limited advantageous terms e.g. supplier winding up its business activities
10. Additional or Repeat Goods Services or Works	Additional or Repeat Goods Services or Works: Similar to Existing Goods Services or Works, concerns the supply of goods, services or works by the existing supplier (includes supplier that the councils no longer has a contract with) that are similar to existing goods, services or works where the existing goods, services or works were supplied under a public contract that was awarded following a competitive procedure within the period of five years ending with the day on which the transparency notice is published, and the tender notice or any tender document in respect of the earlier contract set out the Council's intention to carry out a subsequent procurement of similar goods, services or works in reliance on this direct award justification, and any other information specified in Section 95.
11. Other	Other: Reason not in line with Procurement Act 2023
12. To Protect Life	To Protect Life: where a Minister of the Crown has by Regulations provided that specified contracts may be awarded to protect human animal or plant life or health or protect public order or safety
13. Schedule 2– Exempted Contract	Schedule 2– Exempted Contract: Requirement not considered procurement spend but use of STA process to document and approve spend. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2023/54/schedule/2

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Subject:	Minutes of Shared City Partnership Meeting on 9 th March 2026
Date:	20 th March 2026
Reporting Officer:	Jim Girvan, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Godfrey McCartney, Good Relations Manager

Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted? Yes No

Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.

Insert number

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the council holding that information)
4. Information in connection with any labour relations matter
5. Information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained
6. Information showing that the council proposes to (a) to give a notice imposing restrictions on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction
7. Information on any action in relation to the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To report to committee on the key issues discussed at the Shared City Partnership meeting held on the 9 th March 2026.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	That the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approve the minutes and recommendations from the Shared City Partnership Meeting held on the 09 th March, including:
2.2	<p><u>Members Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared City Partnership recommends that members note the update provided in the minutes.
2.3	<p><u>Girdwood 10 Year Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also note the contents of the report and agree the approach outlined in the contents of the report.
2.4	<p><u>PEACEPLUS – Local Community Action Plan Secretariat Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.5	<p><u>Peace Plus Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.6	<p><u>Peace Plus Celebrating Culture and Diversity Thematic Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report <p><u>Community Regeneration & Transformation Thematic Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shared City Partnership recommends that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report
2.7	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The partnership agreed to move SCP meetings to a Wednesday from May 26, and they would ask the Strategy Policy and Resources Committee to note this change.
3.0	Main Report
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</p>

3.2	across the city. The minutes from the Partnership are brought before the Committee for approval on a monthly basis.
3.3	<p>The key issues on the agenda at the 9th March 2026 meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership Papers of the 9th February 2026 • Girdwood 10 Year Review • PEACEPLUS – Local Community Action Plan Secretariat Update • Peace Plus Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update • Peace Plus Celebrating Culture and Diversity Thematic Update • Community Regeneration & Transformation Thematic Update • Any Other Business
3.4	<p>More details regarding the above issues and recommendations are included in the following minutes of the meeting attached in Appendix 1: Minutes of the Shared City Partnership from the 9th March 2026, Appendix 2 SEUPB Memo and Appendix 3 PEACEPLUS Performance Dashboard.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All financial implications are covered through existing budgets, and the Good Relations Action Plan is included in the current estimates process.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>The recommendations of the Partnership are to promote the work of the Council in promoting good relations and will enhance equality and good relations impacts for the City of Belfast.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Minutes of the Shared City Partnership from the 9th March 2026</p> <p>Appendix 2 – SEUPB Memo</p> <p>Appendix 3 – PEACEPLUS Performance Dashboard</p>

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SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Monday 9th March, 2026

MEETING OF SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

Members present: Councillor J. Duffy (Chairperson); and
Councillors Abernethy, Lyons, I. McLaughlin and Smyth.

External Members: Ms. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Mr. L. Gunn, Northern Ireland Housing Executive;
Dr. W. Naeem, Interfaith Forum;
Ms. T. Mimna, Executive Office;
Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;
Ms. I. Sherry, Community and Voluntary Sector; and
Ms. B. NiBhriain, Department for Communities

In attendance: Mr. G. McCartney, Good Relations Manager
Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE Programme Manager;
Ms. L. Dolan, Acting Senior Good Relations Officer;
Mr. D. Robinson, Acting Senior Good Relations Officer;
Ms. J. Bradley, PEACEPLUS Project Officer;
Ms. E. Kennedy, Project Officer (Good Relations); and
Mr. A. McMullan, Members' Services and Digital Support Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Alderman Copeland and External Members Ms. N. Creagh, Mr. J. Donnelly, Mr. A. Hagan, Rev. G Kennedy, Mr. M. McBride and Ms. A White.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 9th February were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 20th February.

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Duffy and I. McLaughlin and Ms. B. Arthurs, Ms. A Roberts and Ms. I Sherry declared an interest under item 5a, Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update, in that they were associated with those organisations delivering projects under the PEACEPLUS Programme.

Dr. W. Naeem declared an interest under item 5b, Celebrating Cultures and Diversity Thematic Update, in that he was associated with those organisations delivering projects under the PEACEPLUS Programme.

Councillor I. McLaughlin also declared an interest under item 4, Girdwood 10 Year Update, in that he was a board member of the Girdwood Community Trust and of the Girdwood Community Forum.

It was noted that, as those items did not become subject to debate or discussion, the Members were not required to leave from the meeting whilst the matters were under consideration.

Presentation from Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Mr. Gunn informed the Partnership that his presentation would be rescheduled to a future date and would focus on the current Housing For All initiatives underway in partnership with Housing Associations throughout the city.

Councillor I. McLaughlin requested that Mr Gunn's presentation include an update on the status of housing solutions in the city. Councillor McLaughlin suggested that it would be useful to receive an update on the latest figures on housing solutions, points allocation, wait times, staffing numbers and the delivery of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive's service plan.

Members Update

The Good Relations Manager informed the Partnership that, further to discussion at the February, 2026 meeting, he had drafted a timetable showing when each of the various sectors represented on the Partnership would make presentations to future meetings and that this timetable would be circulated to the Members.

He confirmed that Ms. A M. White would present an update on the work of the British Red Cross to the May meeting of the Shared City Partnership.

Mr. Gunn advised that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive's funding streams for next year had recently opened and applications were welcome for their Community Involvement Grants and Community Cohesion Grants.

Mr. Gunn undertook to update the Partnership on developments regarding those grants.

Girdwood 10 Year Review

The Partnership considered the following report:

- 1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues**
- 1.1 To outline proposed Ten-year review of Girdwood Community Hub.**
- 2.0 Recommendation**
- 2.1 That Members recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note and agree the approach outlined in the contents of the report.**

3.0 Main Report

3.1 Background

The Girdwood Concept Plan was published in May 2012. This was successful in attaining funding through the European Territorial Co-operation Objective PEACE III Programme 2007-2013, Priority 2: Contributing to a Shared Society - Theme 1: Creating Shared Public Spaces. The Girdwood Community Hub Official launch took place in Crumlin Road Gaol 10 April 2014 and subsequently opened January 2016. Members of the Girdwood Community Forum feel it is important to evaluate the impacts of Girdwood Community Hub and the surrounding site, ten years on since its opening in 2016.

3.2 Detail

Officers would propose the review of Girdwood Community Hub would be carried out by an independent facilitator and would include the following: -

1. Undertake a comprehensive review of the impact of the Girdwood Community Hub and the impact on peace and reconciliations objectives in keeping with the original SEUPB objectives, the TEO's T:BUC Strategy, the Belfast Agenda, the Programme for Government, DfC Urban Regeneration Policy Framework and other related central government Strategies and Plans.
2. Highlight the challenges and benefits that have been presented since work began on the site, including community infrastructure, capacity, governance, physical, covid pandemic and ensuing economic climate.
3. Review of current projects and programmes which take place within Girdwood Community Hub quantifying the impact on Good Relations and look at the future potential of the site with cognisance of the future Leisure Transformation Programme which has been agreed for the site.
4. Develop recommendations for further enhancing and promoting good relations within the local area and beyond, in keeping with the premise that Girdwood Hub is a Legacy Peace III project and in its design it to promote shared space.

The above will require the following: -

- To undertake a review of the outcomes of the Girdwood Community Hub using statistical and qualitative methodologies.
- Consult with Council Officers and Elected Members, Girdwood Forum Members as well as a range of other statutory and voluntary stakeholders to explore the issues within the remit of this research to generate thought, input and recommendations.
- Use the findings and recommendations of the review to identify actions that could be taken to further meet the aims and objectives of the which promote and enhance and promote good relations within the local area and beyond, in keeping with the premise that Girdwood Community Hub is a Legacy Peace III project promoting shared space.
- Identify opportunities for the continued use of the Girdwood Community Hub taking cognisance of the newly agreed Leisure Transformation Programme for the site at Girdwood.
- Report regularly on the progress of the review to the Council and if required to Girdwood Community Forum and/or relevant subgroup.

3.4 Financial and Resource Implications

All costs within the District Council's Good Relations Action Plan are covered within existing agreed budgets.

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

All activity within the District Council's Good Relations Action Plan seek to improve Good Relations between people from different political, religious, and racial backgrounds.

The Partnership recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the report and agree the approach outlined therein.

PEACEPLUS Belfast Local Community Action Plan
Secretariat Update

The Partnership considered the following report:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Shared City Partnership members with an update on the mobilisation of PEACEPLUS Belfast Local Community Action Plan (LCAP).

2.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to note the contents of the report and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Mobilisation Contract Awards and Procurement

The Secretariat continue to support the mobilisation of the Action Plan through procurements and stakeholder engagement for the Community Regeneration and Transformation theme, as well as monitoring and reporting of project delivery as outlined in each of the Thematic Reports.

3.2 Exchange Rate Fluctuations

Options to manage the exchange rate fluctuations for the Action Plan, and 1.4 Reconnected Belfast are progressing, with discussions with an external FX (exchange rate) hedging company and Council's Financial Accountants

Members are requested to note that given the complexity in managing the exchange rate fluctuations, the Programme Board has recommended that the issue is escalated to the Council's Financial Oversight Committee.

3.3 Claims and Reporting

Total expenditure across the PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, up to Period 8 (31 Dec 25) is approx £1.8m relating to contract initiation, management and administration payments to delivery partners, and staff costs.

The value of claims to be submitted to SEUPB for reimbursement totals £1,770,853. The variance relates to non-claimable expenditure which will be met by the deferred income, and as such there will be no cost to Council.

3.4

Claim Period	Salaries	O&A	External Expertise and Services	Total
1 – Jan to Mar 2024	£18,207.81	£2,731.17		£20,938.98
2 – Apr to Jun 2024	£25,957.06	£3,893.56		£29,850.62
3 – Jul to Sep 2024	£92,346.64	£13,852.00		£106,198.64
4 – Oct to Dec 2024	£123,671.07	£18,550.66		£142,221.73
5 – Jan to Mar 2025	£164,379.03	£24,656.85		£189,035.88
6 – Apr to Jun 2025	£175,895.86	£26,384.38	£184,266.89	£386,547.13
7 – July to Sept 2025	£165,500.18	£24,825.03	£378,654.10	£568,979.31
8 – Oct to Dec 2025	£154,509.41	£23,176.41	£149,395.12	£327,080.94
Total to date Jan 2024 -Dec 2025	£920,467.06	£138,070.06	£712,316.11	£1,770,853.23

Members are advised that Period 1-3 claims and reporting have been formally submitted on the JeMS system, with Periods 1-2 fully verified by KPMG, and all expenditure declared eligible. The Period 4-7 claims and reports will be submitted by 31 March 2026 and Period 8 submitted by 30 April 2026, as agreed by SEUPB, considering current resource pressures.

Forecasting

- 3.5 Members are referred to the SEUPB Memo in Appendix I Project performance targets which outlines the detail on expenditure targets, claim submission targets, quarterly forecasting process; and the procedure for non-attainment of targets, including the decommitment of funding.

Officers have been liaising closely with SEUPB on expenditure forecasts, which will form the basis of the expenditure targets. It should be noted that the forecasts are based on a range of assumptions including the achievement of targets.

The Partnership is requested to note that given the risk to Council, the Programme Board has recommended that correspondence is issued to SEUPB regarding the assumptions relating to the achievement of the Expenditure Performance Targets.

3.6 Assurance Audit

Members are advised that the AGRS Assurance Audit, as reported in last meeting has been finalised. The executive summary of the report will be included in the AGRS update to the Audit Assurance Board and Audit & Risk Panel in March 2026.

3.7 Monitoring & Evaluation

Delivery of project activity and progress towards the achievement of participant targets is continuing.

The Partnership is referred to Appendix II – Performance Dashboard, which outlines that 14 projects are delivering activity, engaging 2,512 participants and 1,203 have completed activity.

Monitoring system issues and urgent project queries are continuing to be address via weekly troubleshooting meetings.

3.8 Staffing

Two new members of staff joined the team, Project Support Officer and Project Officer.

Recruitment for both the Project Manager and the Monitoring and Data Analyst posts is ongoing. Recruitment for the Finance and Claims Support Assistant is due to be advertised on 19 March 2026.

3.9 Financial and Resource Implications

All expenditure associated with the PEACEPLUS Action Plan is reimbursed by SEUPB and is eligible from 1 January 2024. As previously reported referenced at 3.6 above, PEACEPLUS claimable expenditure to 31 December 2025 is approx. £1.63m.

3.10 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

The PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan has been screened for equality, good relations, and rural needs assessment, and has been screened out.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also note the contents of the report.

Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Update

The Partnership considered the following report:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Shared City Partnership with a progress update on projects within the Thriving and Peaceful Communities (TPC) Theme of the PEACEPLUS Belfast Local Community Action Plan (LCAP).

2.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to note the contents of the report and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Project Delivery

An overview of project progress within the TPC theme is outlined below.

3.2 TPC 1 Community Empowerment – Lead Delivery Partner NICVA

Project Partners: Forward South Partnership (FSP), East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA), West Belfast Partnership Board (WBPB), Falls Community Council (FCC), Greater Shankill Partnership (GSP) and Marrowbone Community Association (MCA).

Two further citywide non accredited Facilitation Skills sessions were delivered on 15 January 2026 with 18 completers. Delivery of the OCN intake (Course #2) with 22 learners has commenced and will run until April 2026. The next Citywide Forum Meeting was re-scheduled to 4 February 2026, and the second Citywide networking event on Inclusive Community Development took place on 18 February 2026. Cllr Abernethy represented the Partnership at the event.

Baselining has been completed for the Local Community Empowerment Plans (LCEPs) in LCEP 08 (Balmoral/ Botanic), LCEP 09 (Lisnasharragh/ Ormiston/ Titanic), and LCEP 02 (Blackmountain) and the next stage has commenced. Baselining is ongoing for LCEP 01 (Court).

Officers are finalising the verification of monitoring data submitted for Oct-Dec 25. Members should note that NICVA's monitoring is complicated by participant categories with different attendance requirements. Ensuring compatibility across NICVA's CRM system and the BCC

system has increased NICVA staff time for technical troubleshooting and to ensure data is being captured and analysed correctly.

- 3.3 TPC 2 Health & Wellbeing - Lead Delivery Partner Ashton**
Project Partners: Shankill Partnership Board, East Belfast Community Development Agency, West Belfast Partnership Board, & North Belfast Community Partnership.

Delivery has commenced in January for both the Men and Women's cohorts, and a Men's Health Fair was held in January in East Belfast. Project meetings are ongoing within the localities, and the first Citywide Shared Learning Group meeting took place on 19th January. Citywide mapping of services activity is ongoing.

Final approval of the change request to reduce participants numbers in the Programme Oversight Group (POG) and increase participation in the wider programme has been finalised. This enabled the Phase 1 Contract Initiation payment to be processed.

TPC 3 Youth Empowerment, Inspiring Future Belfast

- 3.4 Lot 1: 9–12 year olds (Juniors) - Lead Delivery Partner Giga Training**
Project Partner BEAM Creative Network.

The delivery partner is planning delivery of activity during Apr, May June 2026, as well as Summer Academies. The focus of delivery will be via schools in West and Shankill areas, with a minimum of 6 school partnerships, 1 community programme, 2 Digital Arts Academies and 2 Arts Academies, which should enable the achievement of the 600 participants Year 2 target.

Subject to uptake, there are also options for further school delivery Sept – Dec 2026 and Digital and Arts Academies at Halloween.

- 3.5 Lot 2: 12–15 year olds (Intermediate) - Lead Delivery Partner Active Communities Network (ACN)**
Project Partners: Ledley Hall Boys & Girls Club, Lagmore and Rosario Youth.

Delivery of Cohort 2 engaging 100 participants from community groups in South, East and West Belfast as well as schools in North Belfast has been progressing. To date 45 sessions of activity has been delivered, and the Cohort should complete all activity and contact hours by February 2026. Planning for delivery of future cohorts is also progressing.

The planning of cross border residential activity, particularly with school groups, is challenging. Members are requested to note that a preliminary proposal to replace the residential with 2 cross border day trips was discussed with SEUPB. However, they advised that delivery should be as outlined in the Action Plan, and any divergence would require a formal SEUPB change request to be progressed.

3.6 Lot 3: 16–18 year olds (Seniors) - Lead Delivery Partner Streetbeat Youth Project
Project Partner YEHA (Youth Educational Health Advice).

41 young people from Cohort 1 have completed the required 80 contact hours, and activity concluded with a social action project in which the young people shared their learning and experience of the project with their peers.

Promotion and recruitment for the next Cohort is currently progressing via engagement with schools and youth groups.

3.7 Lot 4: 19-25 years olds (Young adults) – Lead Partner GEMS NI
Project Partners: Diverse Youth NI (DYNI), Training Network for Women (TWN).

Delivery of activity is ongoing, with the 26 participants continue to be actively engaging in the project. During February 2026, the participants attended sessions at Clifton House, City Hall and a residential briefing.

The international residential to Sarajevo has progressed, the participants attended the Centre for Peace & Reconciliation Studies and presented their social action project. A Council plaque has been provided for the youth people to present to the Centre.

The Delivery Partner has reiterated the complexity, bureaucracy and increased costs associated with delivering the international residential visit.

Planning for the promotion and recruitment of Cohort 2 is underway.

3.8 TPC 4 Sport for Peace - Lead Delivery Partner Active Communities Network
Project Partners: Sport Changes Life Foundation, PeacePlayers NI and Community Sports Network.

Delivery of project activity across the 4 pillars is progressing:

Pillar 1 coach education (16–18-year-olds): Ulster University Belfast (UUB) and St Mary’s College. 31 participants are now actively participating and have completed: OCN Level 1 – Diversity Within Society, Dodgeball, Safeguarding and First Aid.

Confirmation on the cross community engagement of the groups is to be provided by the Delivery Partner.

Activity for Pillar 2 sports sessions (11-16-year-olds) is ongoing with 300 participants currently engaged across 7 schools and community groups, as detailed in February 2026 report.

Pillar 3 – An employment fair took place on 23 January 2026 at UUB to recruit participants for Pillar 1 to then progress on to Pillar 3.

Pillar 4 - Research framework focusing on evaluating the impact across the 3 main pillars is progressing. The Delivery Partner is to provide the Terms of Reference for the research

3.9 TPC 5 Employability Language Up – Lead Delivery Partner People1st

Project Partners: Belfast City Mission, Conway Education, Donegall Pass, Fane Street Primary, Food Stock, Footprints, Holy Rosary Primary, Mears, Refuge Language, Russian Speaking Community, Street Soccer NI, The Suitcase Project, Wee Chicks, Windsor Women’s Centre.

The project has seen 2 new cohorts commence in January 2026, 1 cohort is focusing on vocational language for retail and customer services, and the other is focusing on general customer services language skills.

To date 295 participants have been recruited onto the project, which exceeds the current targets. A total of 72 participants (cumulative) has achieved the meaningful contact hours required across both strands. This is 39% progress towards the next phased target of 184 participants to be achieved by March 2026. With a number of cohorts anticipated to be complete by then, this target should be met.

**3.10 TPC 6 Arts Across the Genres – Delivery Partner MayWe
Project Partners: BEAM Creative Network**

Project activity is progressing well, with 240 participants across 3 of 5 sub projects recruited and 206 actively participating of total 496 target. The required reporting requirements have been met, which enable processing of the quarterly management and admin fee.

Project 1: Polyphonic (155 participants recruited, with 126 actively participating) Target 120

Joint art sessions began in January 2026 to create ‘Echoes and Embers’ artwork, which focuses on Music & Dance, with themes of folklore and mythology, fairytales and feminism being explored. These joint art sessions will continue weekly, building momentum towards the first local showcase event on 22 March 2026 at Chultúrlann, followed by the citywide showcase on 28 March 2026 at the MAC Theatre.

The groups have also started developing their Social Action Project, which will take the form of a digital art project, which will be integrated into their live performance and promoted across digital platforms.

Members should note that whilst Project 1’s overall participant target (120) has been reached, there is a minor variation in area participant levels. Following extensive efforts to engage groups in West Belfast a group of 9 participants has been formed in this area, which is lower than the anticipated target of 30. The participants are engaging in paired sessions and completing single-group capacity building sessions but as the project progresses it is more difficult for late-recruited participants to complete the required activity and meet hours targets.

Project 2: Suitcases & Skies (64 participants recruited, 62 actively participating) Target 120

The sub project launched, and co-design and social action activity planning was held on 23 January 2026. Participants agreed “Suitcases & Skies” as the focus of the project, based on Graphic Design & Drama, telling the story of discovering cultures as you travel and the cultural pieces you take with you. The group also agreed a Social Action Project to create a Jenga puzzle that comes together to show the diverse community of people and culture that makes up the city of Belfast. There will be one large piece that will act as an installation moving across the city, and smaller versions of the created installation will be distributed to participant groups and community organisations for public viewing and use. Joint area (East / West) art sessions commenced on 26 January 2026 at Lagan

Village Youth and Community Group. Recruitment issues for South are now alleviated with approx. 22 participants now engaged in sessions starting February 2026.

Members should note that the subprojects are required to pair different area groups. Project 1 had paired groups in East and West (E&W) with North and South (N&S) groups. Project 2, engages groups with additional needs that have fixed schedules, and the area pairing are also E&W and N&S. Future sub projects will endeavour to pair different area groups.

Project 2: Creative Exchange

To date 63 participants are recruited, with 61 actively participating of a target of 140 (+38 since last report). The North group has completed all 6 sessions and East and West have completed 5/6. A South Belfast group has now been recruited, and activity is to commence.

Projects 1 and 2 attended a Mentoring Day on 24 January 2026 with representatives from the creative arts and media sector to discuss career pathways with participants and produce a personalised career pack.

Project 5: Media Production (21 participants recruited, 18 actively participating) Target 16

Activity to capture footage and content is progressing. Members are requested to note that whilst Project 5 is fully recruited although there is a lower number of participants of a PUL background (16%) against the target (30%). Participants from Project 5 continually engage with the other sub projects, and as such cross community contact is continuing.

Overall, the project is on target to achieve the community background requirements, with 32% of participants from a PUL background, which aligns with SEUPB's requirement.

3.11 Thriving and Peaceful Communities Thematic Steering Group

The quarterly TPS Thematic Steering Group took place on 4 February 2026, in Council Offices.

Representatives from all Delivery Partners for the 9 projects attended the meeting. Council advised of the new Programme Manual, progress toward introducing a Communications Checklist, reporting to SEUPB and the Financial Controller approach.

Discussions focused on delivery progress, and issues identified included monitoring and reporting, such as proxy measures and payments. A number of opportunities for collaboration were identified which the Delivery Partners agreed to progress.

The TPC Thematic Risk Register was reviewed, and no new risks were identified or required escalation. The need to manage risks and categories was highlighted.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 10.00am, and Active Communities Network kindly offered to host the meeting.

3.12 Financial and Resource Implications

All expenditure associated with the PEACEPLUS Action Plan is eligible from 1 January 2024.

3.13 Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment

The PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan has been screened for equality, good relations and rural needs assessment, and has been screened out.

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

Celebrating Cultures and Diversity Thematic Update

The Partnership considered the following report:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Shared City Partnership with a progress update on projects within the Celebrating Cultures and Diversity (CCD) Theme of the PEACEPLUS Belfast Local Community Action Plan (LCAP).

2.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to note the contents of the report and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Project Delivery

Projects are at various stages of implementation, and an overview of project progress is outlined below.

3.2 CCD1 – Interfaith and Belief Lead Delivery Partner: Corrymeela Community Consortium Partners: Redeeming Our Communities, Belfast Islamic Centre, NI Inter-Faith Forum

56 participants are now registered, with 50 people actively participating across the 3 Streams.

Stream 1: Outreach Education element 2 co-design session on the education resources took place during January 2026. Engagement with schools on the roll out of awareness sessions are progressing. It is envisaged that pilot sessions will be delivered in March 2026. A schedule for delivery of the sessions is being compiled, until finalised, the project is still considered as behind schedule.

Stream 2: Unity and Welcoming Programme, the online survey to map the welcome, care and social action work provided by faith and belief groups across the city has been finalised and opened early February 2026.

Stream 3: Co design sessions on celebrating faith and belief festivals are continuing. The celebration of St Brigid's Day and the Jewish Tu B'Shevat festival took place on 1 February 2026 and culminated in the planting of a tree at Annadale. A further festival on Muslim, Christian and Ba'Hai faith is planned for mid-March 2026.

3.3 CCD2 – Community Connections Lead Delivery Partner: GEMS NI Consortium Partners: Business in the Community, Belfast City of Sanctuary, Diverse Youth NI, Migrant Centre NI, Ballynafeigh Community Development Association

The Delivery Partner continues to face difficulties with recruitment which is impacting the delivery of project targets. To date 17% of the Phase 2a (Oct 2025) target of 121 participants registered and actively participating has been met.

However, some progress has been made with the first cohort for Strand 2 Facilitators activity commenced with 10 participants completing stage 1 of training and some initial participants registered for Strand 4 Welcome Hubs. It is envisaged that with all Welcome Hub locations now being approved, this will enable an increase in participant registration for this activity.

Officers are working closely with the delivery partner, although the realignment of targets may be required. Members should note that the delivery partner has advised of organisational funding difficulties and the impact on PEACEPLUS project delivery is being monitored.

3.4 CCD 3 – LGBTQIA+ Community Engagement Project - Lead Delivery Partner: The Rainbow Project Project Partners: Cara Friend, HRe NI

Project delivery across Strand 1 Co-ordination and Strand 2 Strategic Planning is progressing. The change request to enable wider parameters for recruitment to both these strands has been agreed and will enable further participation. Strand 3 comms activity is ongoing. Officers are progressing a detailed project update from the delivery partner.

3.5 CCD4 – Community Empowerment Ex Politically Motivated Prisoners

Lead Delivery Partner: Coiste na nIarchimí Project Partners: Tar Anall, Action for Community Transformation, Charter NI, and Tar Isteach

Community engagement has commenced with 41 registrations across the different project elements.

Confirmation on the content and duration of the counselling and advice training is being progressed with SEUPB.

An informal project launch via a photo opportunity is taking place on 5 March 2026 at St Comgalls. Representatives from the Partnership have been invited to attend.

CCD5 From Multiculturalism to Interculturalism

3.6 Lot 1 – Language and Cultural Access

The assessment process is ongoing with clarifications being sought from the bidders.

3.7 Lot 2 – Cultural Spaces (Come On Over) Lead Delivery Partner: MayWe

11 participants are registered to the project Steering Group, and the second Steering Group meeting took place in January 2026.

The first collaborative project, development of a Come On Over Brand Design and Style Guide is continuing. A facilitated workshop on Dealing with Difficult Situations & De-escalation was delivered.

Members are requested to note that staff / volunteers from Eastside Partnership's heritage programme, based at Templemore Baths are involved in the Cultural Spaces project. Although the staff / volunteers are not associated with Council.

The first Cultural Spaces Capacity Building workshop focusing on unconscious bias, language exchange, programming and

community relations, intergenerational dialogue and mental health and isolation will be hosted by Templemore Baths in March 2026. The first Grassroots Capacity Building workshop 'Branching Out' will involve food, language, arts and crafts and will be hosted by An Chultúrlann in March 2026.

3.8 Lot 3 – Festivals and Flagship Events Lead Delivery Partner: Féile an Phobail

44 participants are registered to the project in the Mentors/Mentees Programme, Flagship Events Steering Group and Musical Fusions Steering Group.

The Mentoring Programme continued in January with 3 sessions delivered with Wayne Denner (cyber security and digital marketing) and Anne McMurray (leadership). Sessions in March/April delivered by Sarah Travers will focus on communications, media engagement and crisis communications.

The Phase 1 contract initiation payment and Jul-Sep 2025 quarterly management fee have now been progressed. Oct-Dec Quarterly report and M&E are being finalised with the delivery partner.

Members are requested to note that the delivery partner has submitted proposed Festivals & Flagship Events to be delivered through the project. On considering the proposal, the Programme Board has requested further information on the events is provided to ensure complementarity with other similar events. As such the Partnership will be updated in due course.

**3.9 Lot 4 – Culture and Shared Built Heritage - Lead Delivery Partner: Arts Ekta
Project Partners: Cairde na Cille, Kabosh Theatre**

Officers continue to liaise with the delivery partner to finalise and verify the monitoring data. The results of Y1 participation and completion will be reported to members in March 2026.

Concept plans for Year 2 programme of Events and Tours and the Burial Traditions Programme (as outlined in Appendix I) have been reviewed in terms of engagement hours/ participant numbers. Members are requested to note the extensive programme of events. It should also be noted that two burial grounds (Ballynahatty and Shankill) are repeated from Year 1, due to a significant Health & Safety risk at Knock and Ballyahaghan .

3.10 Celebrating Cultures and Diversity (CCD) Thematic Steering Group

The quarterly CCD Thematic Steering Group took place on 3 February 2026, hosted by MayWe. 6 delivery partner organisations (of 8) were represented at the meeting.

Following requests processes have been developed to help delivery partner's share PEACEPLUS related activity and opportunities for collaboration with each other, as follows:

- **Delivery Partner Directory:** to enable delivery partners to share information about their organisations services to assist in source services or promoting further collaboration.
- **Activity Log:** to enable delivery partners to share upcoming PEACEPLUS events and activities for the purpose of highlighting opportunities and recruitment.

The Thematic risk register was reviewed, and whilst no new risks were added or escalated risk ratings changed from fair to good and 2 risks were rated poor, as below.

Poor Risk 1: Financial. Budget and cashflow constraints. Monitoring evidence requirements and system errors are causing delay in payment approval and that alignment of payments with targets can slow down payments.

Poor Risk 2: Compliance, conditions of funding, and monitoring and evaluation: PEACEPLUS systems creating delays. Long approval timeframes and their impacts, particularly around communication approvals, were highlighted.

Concerns regarding assigning a proxy community background were also outlined.

Members should note that officers are putting in place relevant mitigations to address the risks, including a Comms Compliance Checklist and M&E system troubleshooting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 10am in Council offices.

3.11 Financial and Resource Implications

All expenditure associated with the PEACEPLUS Action Plan is eligible from 1 January 2024.

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

The PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan has been screened for equality, good relations and rural needs assessment, and has been screened out.

The Partnership noted the contents of the report and recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also note the contents of the report.

Community Regeneration and Transformation Thematic Update

The Partnership considered the following report:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Shared City Partnership with an update on delivery of the Community Regeneration and Transformation Theme of the PEACEPLUS Local Community Action Plan (LCAP).

2.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to note the contents of the report and recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee note the contents of the report.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Capital and Animation Update

As previously reported, the design teams for all projects have been appointed.

3.2 CRT1: LGBTQIA+ Hub:

Delivery of the capital element of the project remains on schedule. Stakeholders have agreed the designs and the project is now progressing to technical design.

Further work is progressing in relation to (1) the establishment of the cooperative and the (2) agreement of the rent. The Stakeholder Steering Group is progressing these matters in parallel with the design development.

The stakeholder groups involved wish to occupy the front portion of the building (Phase 2) however this sits outside the scope of the PEACEPLUS project and will have no impact delivery of the capital works or animation elements.

Members are reminded that animation activity is to be delivered via enhanced service provision on the site, with no specific budget assigned. Although, it should be noted that

delivery of some animation activity outside of the building may be required to meet participant targets. Once the detail is confirmed, an update will be provided to members.

3.3 CRT2: Annadale:

Annadale Stakeholder Meeting is scheduled for 25 February 2026, and an Internal Steering Group meeting is scheduled for early March 2026.

Implementation of animation activity is progressing; it is anticipated that the event management training for local groups / participants will be delivered by 31 March 2026.

Preparation of quotation documents for provision of skills development to deliver environmental activities and play sessions, detached youth work and an events programme are being finalised.

3.4 CRT3: Distillery Street:

Consultation on the project designs, via online and community sessions, is progressing. Whilst the online consultation has opened, there are some community concerns regarding opening the interface. A site meeting with elected members and community representatives took place on 17 February 2026. Further community consultation sessions are currently being planned.

As previously reported, procurement documentation for the animation programme is under development. The tender release will be aligned to finalising the designs and community consultation. As such the tender issue may be delayed until April 2026.

3.5 CRT4: Access to the Hills:

Project design is continuing. The next Stakeholder Steering Group meeting is scheduled for 12 March 2026.

The Animation programme procurement documents are now live on eSourcing, with the contract anticipated to be in place in April 2026.

3.6 CRT5: Sanctuary Theatre

Develop of designs and the capital elements have progressed to RIBA stage 3, and the project remains on track. The next design team meeting is to be held 24 February 2026.

The Animation tender consensus panel was held 10 February 2026, with clarifications issued to bidders. The

timeframe for the contract award remains on track for March 2026.

3.7 Governance update

The Programme Manager and Programme Delivery Manager continue to liaise on project progress. Dates for the next Capital Project Board meeting is being finalised.

3.8 Financial and Resource Implications

All expenditure associated with the PEACEPLUS Action Plan is eligible from 1 January 2024.

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

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The Partnership noted the contents of the report and recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee also note the contents of the report.

Any Other Business

The Chairperson welcomed Ms. I. Sherry to her first meeting of the Partnership and Ms. J. Bradley, who had recently joined the Council's PEACEPLUS Team.

Date of Next Meeting

The Chairperson reminded the Partnership that the next meeting would be held at 1:30pm on Monday 13th April.

The Chairperson advised the members of the Partnership that requests had been received to reschedule future meetings of the Shared City Partnership to Wednesdays and that a list of proposed new dates would be circulated for consideration.

Chairperson

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MEMORANDUM

To: LEGAL CONTACT AND PROJECT BOARD

Date: 10 February 2026

From: Director of Programmes

Subject: Project Performance Targets

The following memo is to formally notify you of your **project implementation performance targets for the 2026 calendar year**, it will set out your project's:

- (1) Expenditure Targets
- (2) Claim Submission Targets
- (3) Quarterly Forecasting process; and
- (4) Procedure for non-attainment of targets

PEACEPLUS, like all other EU Structural Funding Programmes, must meet annual expenditure targets based on the value of claims submitted to the European Commission- this is commonly referred to as the "N+3" target. If the Programme fails to meet this target in any given year, the shortfall is automatically de-committed from the Programme, and there will be a permanent loss of funds to the Programme and to Northern Ireland and Ireland. On your behalf, SEUPB draws down funding not only from the European Commission, but also, from national budgets held by government Departments in Northern Ireland and Ireland. As you are aware, we are working in an increasingly cash-restricted environment and therefore it is crucial that we are able to utilise every cent of funding allocated to us within the timeframe available.

We therefore need your project implementation and cost expenditure to match your forecast for the incoming year as closely as possible. Significant changes from the agreed profile may impact on our ability to make payments to your project.

Based on the latest forecast submissions from Projects, the N+3 target is achievable however this is on the assumption that those forecasts are accurate and that no further slippage occurs. Projects have already had significant slippage in 2025 due to a range of factors, some of which were outside of their control, and we have major concerns that further slippage in 2026 will impact on the Programme's ability to meet its performance and expenditure targets. A slippage of 10-15% across the programme could result in a loss of funding in the range of €15-20 m. It is therefore imperative that we receive early warning of potential slippage to enable SEUPB to take corrective actions at the wider programme level and avoid loss of funding to the region.

Every project must play its part in relation to compliance with the claim submission process, from ensuring accurate forecasting, through to timely and accurate submission of claims.

1. Expenditure Targets

In order to achieve this target and avoid any de-commitment of funds to the Programme, each project is being given an expenditure target for eligible expenditure which relates directly to its letter of offer, project implementation plan and spend profile. The latest forecast submission by projects along with the latest correspondence with their SEUPB Project Officer will be used to inform the target that will be monitored.

Each project will receive direct correspondence setting out their expenditure target for 2026 within the next 2 weeks.

SEUPB does understand that issues in relation to implementation can arise which will impact on your ability to deliver your project in line with the submitted spend profile. Therefore, I would encourage all projects to keep in regular contact with their assigned Project Officer in SEUPB and to provide early warning of any potential problems which might impact on delivery of key actions and cost expenditure. SEUPB will try to assist where possible.

2. Claim Submission Targets

The timely submission of claims, in line with the requirements of the Programme Manual and standard conditions of grant is critical to meeting the target. The programme target is only met when all expenditure has been fully verified and payments issued by SEUPB to a Project.

A 12-week period is available for (1) project partners to submit their partner reports, (2) the External Controller to complete the Management Verification and (3) the Lead Partner to submit the Joint Finance Report. SEUPB will monitor each stage for compliance.

Lead Partners are reminded of their **responsibility on behalf of the Partnership** for overall coordination, management and implementation of the project. This includes monitoring the spending of the project budget foreseen for each Project Partner, Partner forecasts and claim submissions.

3. Quarterly Forecasts

Note Standard Conditions of Grant outline as follows: - 6.3 of the Standard conditions of grant - 'Before the payment of the first claim, Lead Partners will be required to submit a claims submission plan in the format provided by the Joint Secretariat. Once approved, this will constitute the Project's annual spend targets. Any failure to meet annual spend targets must be supported by a robust rationale. **SEUPB reserves the right to decommit from Budget underspend, as per annual targets. The claims submission plan will be reviewed periodically.**'

Projects will be given the opportunity of updating expenditure forecasts and work plans on a quarterly basis. This quarterly review gives the projects opportunity to request a re-profiling of project activity and expenditure. However, please note any reduction in the overall 2026 expenditure profile for a project must be agreed by SEUPB in writing.

It is important that Projects provide explanation for the slippage within the forecast as soon as possible and provide an assessment of major risks/ issues that further impact on spend timelines. This will help us in assessing the overall risk to the Programme and prioritise support.

If you become aware of a potential significant (greater than €50k) deviation from your profile (either positive or negative) please inform your Project Officer immediately, and do not wait until the next quarterly forecast.

4. Procedure for non-attainment of expenditure targets

Should your project fail to meet the quarterly expenditure targets set, without appropriate justification and early warning to SEUPB, SEUPB may invoke the conditions outlined in your Letter of Offer.

As per the Standard Conditions of Grant, the **failure to achieve the quarterly targets may result in the under-spend being deducted from your total funding amount by way of an addendum to your Letter of Offer.** All under-spends will be reviewed quarterly and a subsequent addendum to your Letter of Offer may be issued reducing total funding.

There will be no penalty for exceeding annual targets (always assuming that you are working within your overall budget outlined in your Letter of Offer). It should be noted that SEUPB will endeavour to ensure cash is available if the overspend amount is notified to us in reasonable time.

We appreciate the efforts all Lead Partners and Project Partners have made in previous years to ensure that targets have been achieved however we have never faced an N+3 challenge as significant as this one. This year our focus must be on realising the benefits of each project and supporting you to achieve individual targets as well as ensuring we can meet the targets at Programme level.

We look forward to working with you in 2026.

Kind Regards



Julie Kurth
Director of Programme Management and Delivery (Joint Secretariat)

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All Participants

Achieved Participants

Geography

Equality Monitoring

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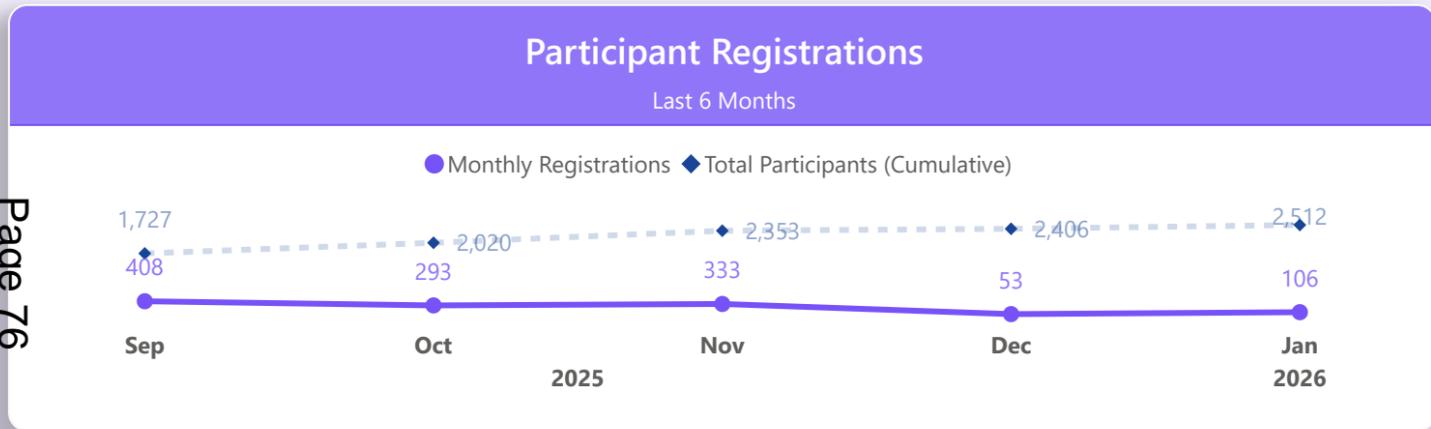
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Projects Added Data
Number of projects with activities added: 14

2,512
Participants Registered
Participants registered this month: -- ▲ 100% (-106) vs. last month
Participants last month: 106

1,915
Participants Attending Activity More Than Once



Total Participants by Project

Theme and Project	Total Participants	Non-Participating
TPC	1,898	252
Community Empowerment Programme	109	
Youth Empowerment: Juniors (9-12)	540	115
Youth Empowerment: Intermediate (12-15)	167	2
Youth Empowerment: Seniors (16-18)	64	5
Youth Empowerment: Young Adults (19-25)	26	26
Sport for Peace	507	44
Employability (Language Up)	295	25
Arts Across the Genres	190	35
CCD	614	79
Total	2,512	331

Project Activity Tracker

Theme Abbv	Times Activity Held	Total Unique Participants
<input type="checkbox"/> TPC	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Empowerment Programme	562	1706
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Empowerment: Juniors (9-12)	16	168
Junior (9-12 year old) Activity	49	425
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Empowerment: Intermediate (12-15)	49	425
Intermediate (12-15 year old) - Social Action Learning Activity	61	165
Intermediate (12-15 year old) Activity	2	58
Intermediate (12-15 year old) Social Action Learning Activity	58	165
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Empowerment: Seniors (16-18)	1	1
Seniors (16-18 year old) Activity (Internaional Residential)	87	59
Seniors (16-18 year old) Activity (Non-Residential)	2	18
<input type="checkbox"/> Sport for Peace	85	59
Pillar 1: Qualification/Coach Education	169	464
Pillar 2: Participation	42	81
<input type="checkbox"/> Employability (Language Up)	127	393
Strand 1: Community Provision of Flexible Language Courses	135	270
Strand 2: Community Programme of Activities (including co-design process)	95	269
Total	688	2241

1K
Total Achieved Participants

Progress to Target 1203/17,434 7%

Achieved Participants (This Month) -- 100% (-106) vs. last month

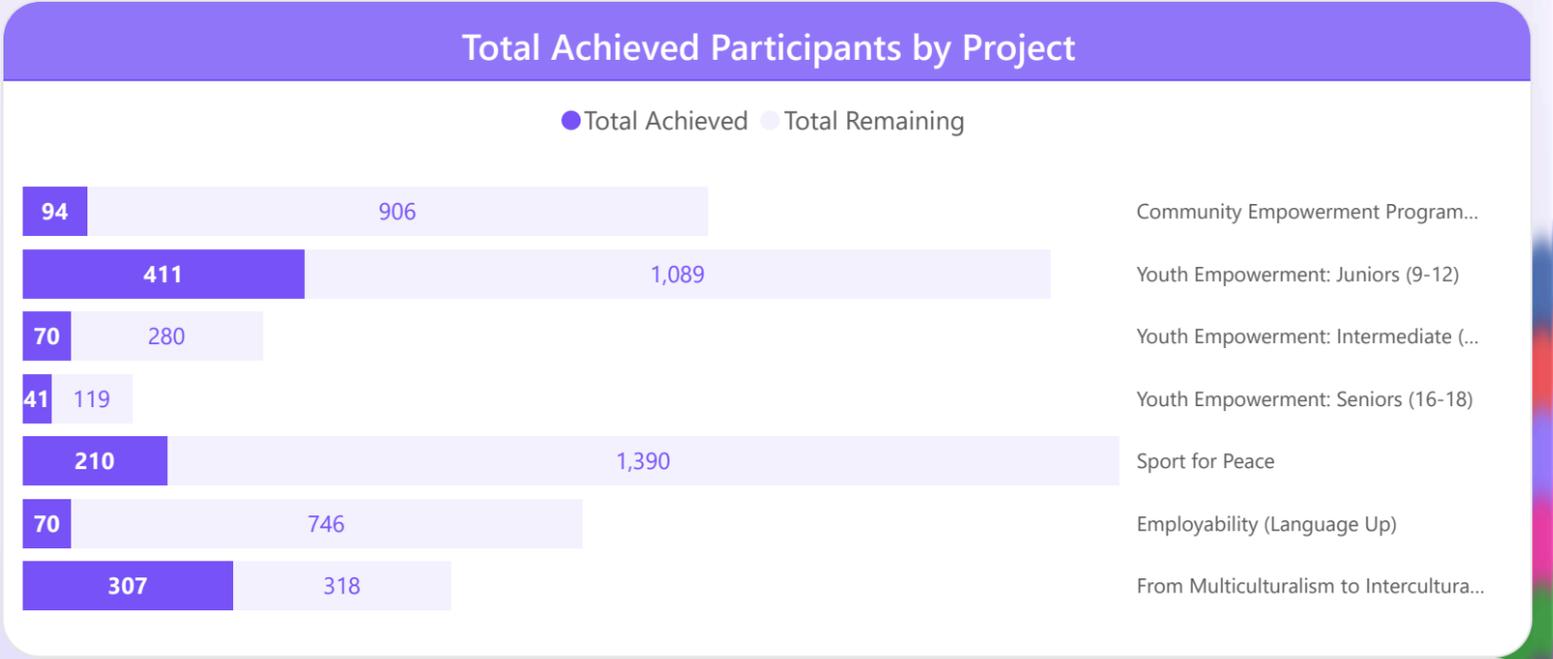
Achieved Participants (Last Month) 106

48%
% Woman or Girl Participants

Woman or Girl Participant Programme Target: 40% (+8% over target)

20%
% Ethnic Minority

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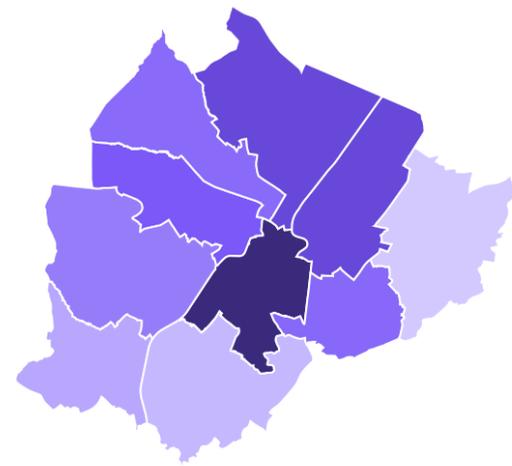
Project Progress to Community Split Targets

Theme and Project	% Catholic	% Protestant	% None	% Other
TPC	↓ 42% 🎯 44%	↑ 26% 🎯 23%	↓ 17% 🎯 27%	↑ 15% 🎯 6%
Community Empowerment Programme	↓ 30% 🎯 49%	↑ 31% 🎯 27%	↑ 21% 🎯 21%	↑ 18% 🎯 3%
Youth Empowerment: Juniors (9-12)	↓ 44% 🎯 47%	↑ 25% 🎯 24%	↓ 22% 🎯 26%	↑ 8% 🎯 3%
Youth Empowerment: Intermediate (12-15)	↑ 57% 🎯 47%	↑ 37% 🎯 24%	↓ 1% 🎯 26%	↑ 4% 🎯 3%
Youth Empowerment: Seniors (16-18)	↓ 29% 🎯 47%	↑ 32% 🎯 24%	↓ 17% 🎯 26%	↑ 22% 🎯 3%
Sport for Peace	↑ 54% 🎯 49%	↑ 27% 🎯 26%	↓ 11% 🎯 22%	↑ 8% 🎯 3%
Employability (Language Up)	↓ 6% 🎯 23%	↓ 3% 🎯 14%	↓ 7% 🎯 42%	↑ 84% 🎯 21%
CCD	↑ 47% 🎯 43%	↓ 25% 🎯 30%	↓ 20% 🎯 24%	↑ 8% 🎯 3%
Total	↓ 43% 🎯 44%	↑ 26% 🎯 24%	↓ 17% 🎯 27%	↑ 13% 🎯 6%

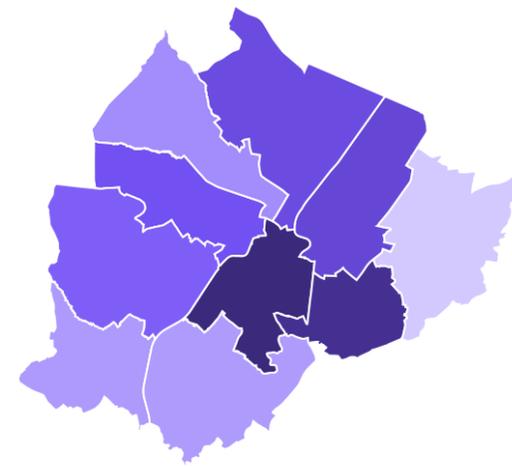
Theme and Project

Theme and Project	Total Achieved	Total Remaining	Project Target	%
TPC	896	4,530	5,426	17%
Community Empowerment Programme	94	906	1,000	9%
Youth Empowerment: Juniors (9-12)	411	1,089	1,500	27%
Youth Empowerment: Intermediate (12-15)	70	280	350	20%
Youth Empowerment: Seniors (16-18)	41	119	160	26%
Total	1,203	4,848	6,051	20%

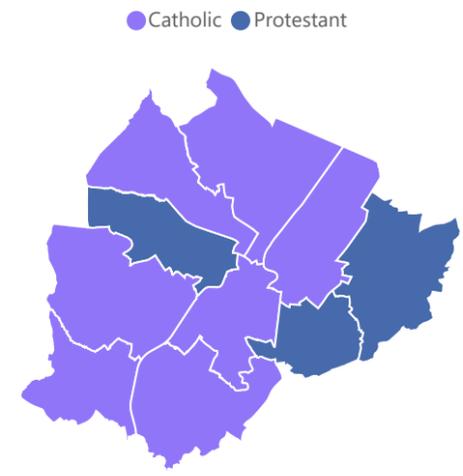
All Participants Heatmap
by DEA



Achieved Participants Heatmap
by DEA



Most Represented Religious Beliefs by DEA
Achieved Participants



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City Region & DEA	Total Participants	% Total
North Belfast	527	21%
Castle	299	12%
Oldpark	228	9%
South Belfast	543	22%
Balmoral	124	5%
Botanic	419	17%
East Belfast	632	25%
Lisnasharragh	231	9%
Ormiston	101	4%
Titanic	300	12%
West Belfast	603	24%
Black Mountain	204	8%
Collin	147	6%
Court	252	10%
Outside Council District	207	8%
Total	2,512	100%

City Region & DEA	Total Participants	% Total
North Belfast	209	17%
Castle	125	10%
Oldpark	84	7%
South Belfast	252	21%
Balmoral	76	6%
Botanic	176	15%
East Belfast	348	29%
Lisnasharragh	165	14%
Ormiston	52	4%
Titanic	131	11%
West Belfast	302	25%
Black Mountain	108	9%
Collin	77	6%
Court	117	10%
Outside Council District	92	8%
Total	1203	100%

City Region & DEA	Top Religious Belief	Count
North Belfast	Catholic	111
Castle	Catholic	60
Oldpark	Catholic	51
South Belfast	Catholic	93
Balmoral	Catholic	30
Botanic	Catholic	63
East Belfast	Catholic	113
Lisnasharragh	Protestant	59
Ormiston	Protestant	19
Titanic	Catholic	47
West Belfast	Catholic	175
Black Mountain	Catholic	87
Collin	Catholic	57
Court	Protestant	73
Outside Council District	Catholic	31
Total	Catholic	523



992

Total Respondents

Number of projects with surveys added: 5



40%

% Female Respondents



78%

Respondents to Achieved

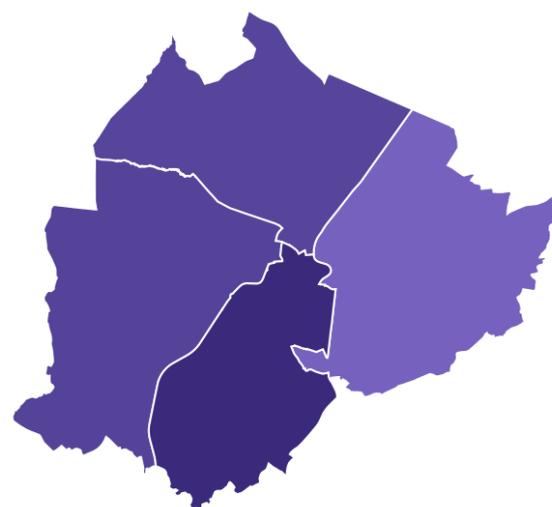


14%

% Ethnic Minority

Belfast Region Heatmap

Equality Monitoring Respondents

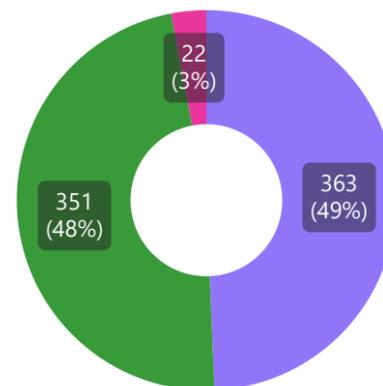


City Region	Total
South Belfast	262
North Belfast	226
West Belfast	226
East Belfast	202
Total	916

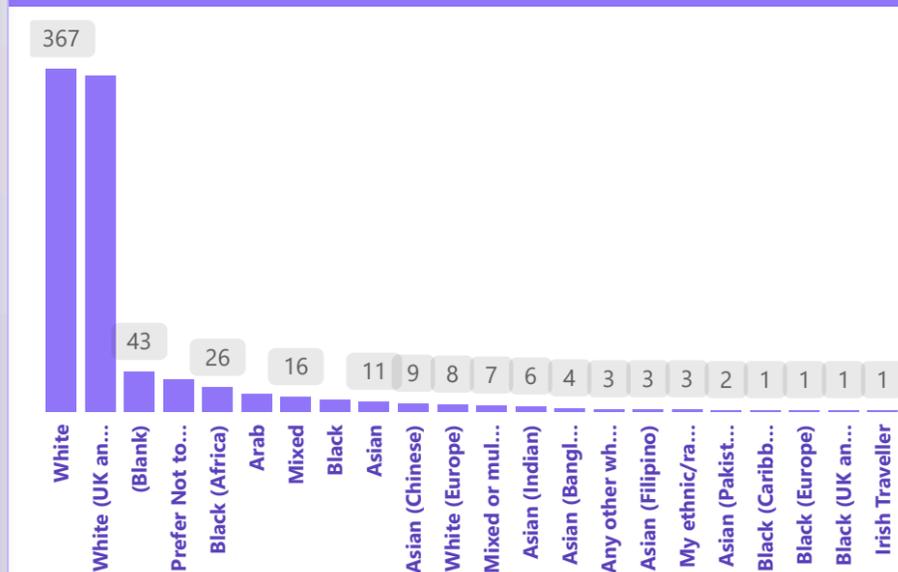
Total Respondents by Gender

Participants over 18

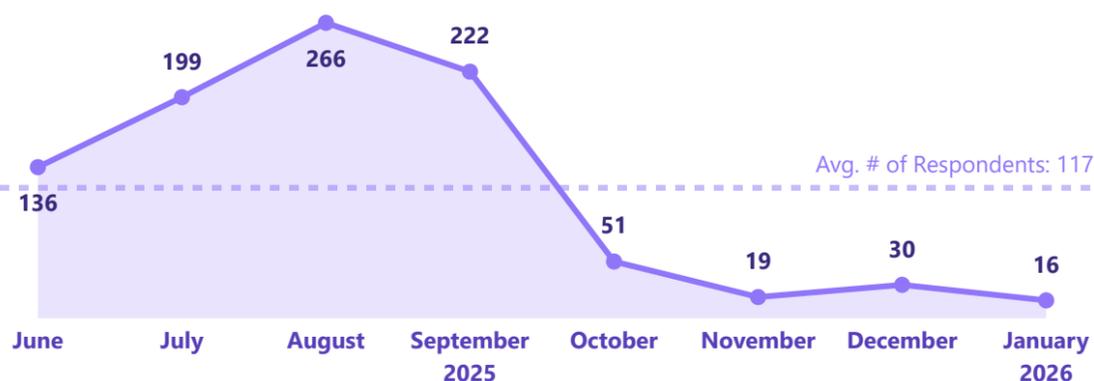
- Woman or Girl
- Man or Boy
- Prefer Not to Answer



Total Respondents by ethnic group/ethnicity

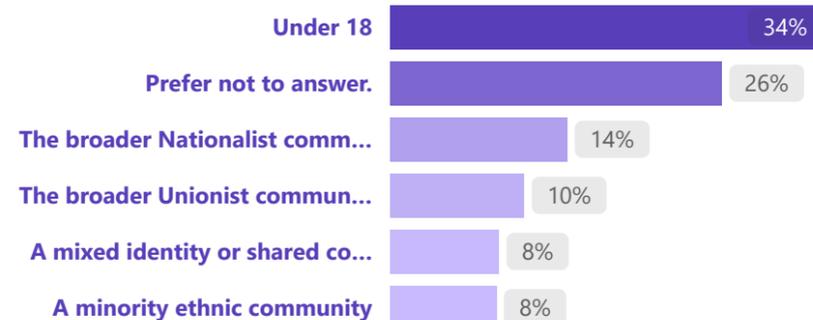


Respondents over Time



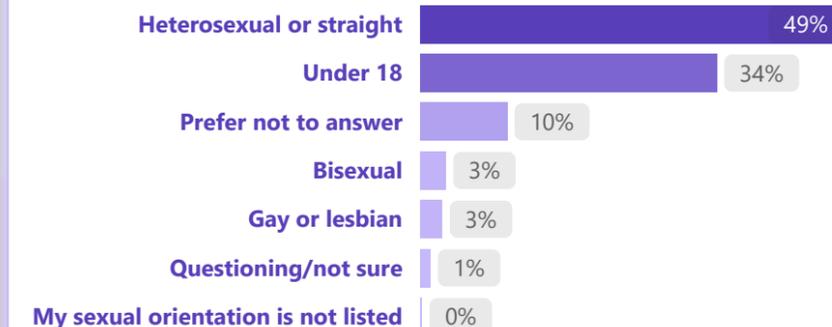
Total Respondents by Political Opinion

Participants over 18



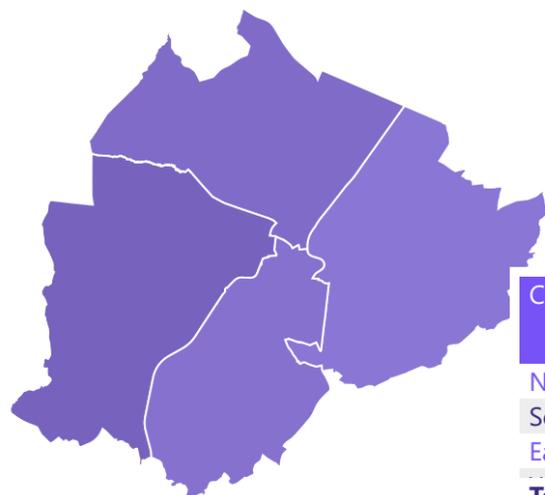
Total Respondents by Sexual Orientation

Participants over 18



Belfast Region Heatmap

by Positive Response Rate

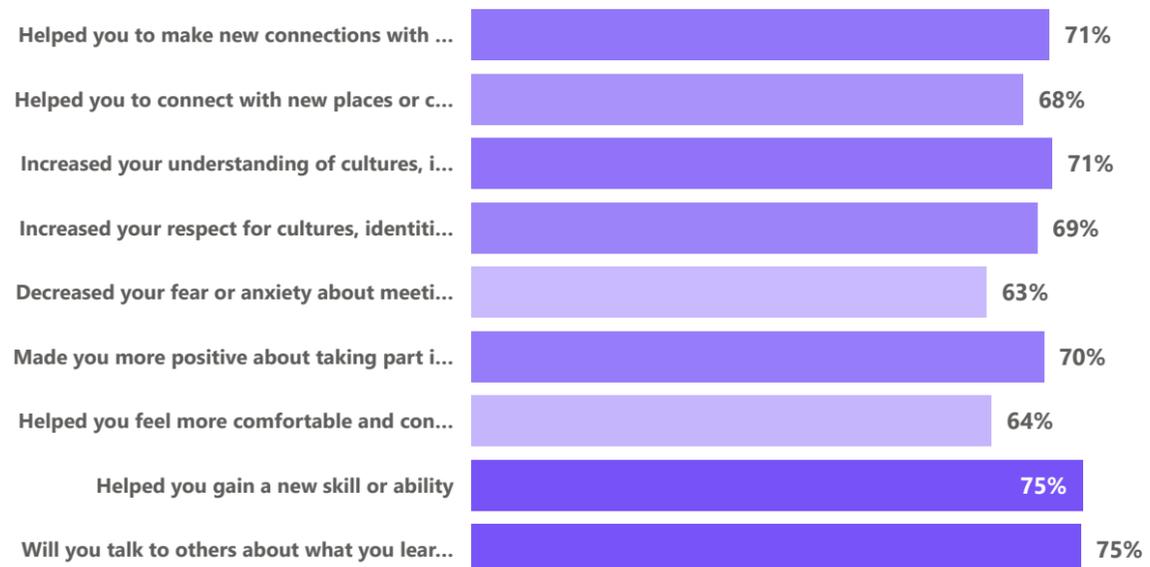


City Region	% Positive Responses
North Belfast	70%
South Belfast	67%
East Belfast	65%
Total	69%

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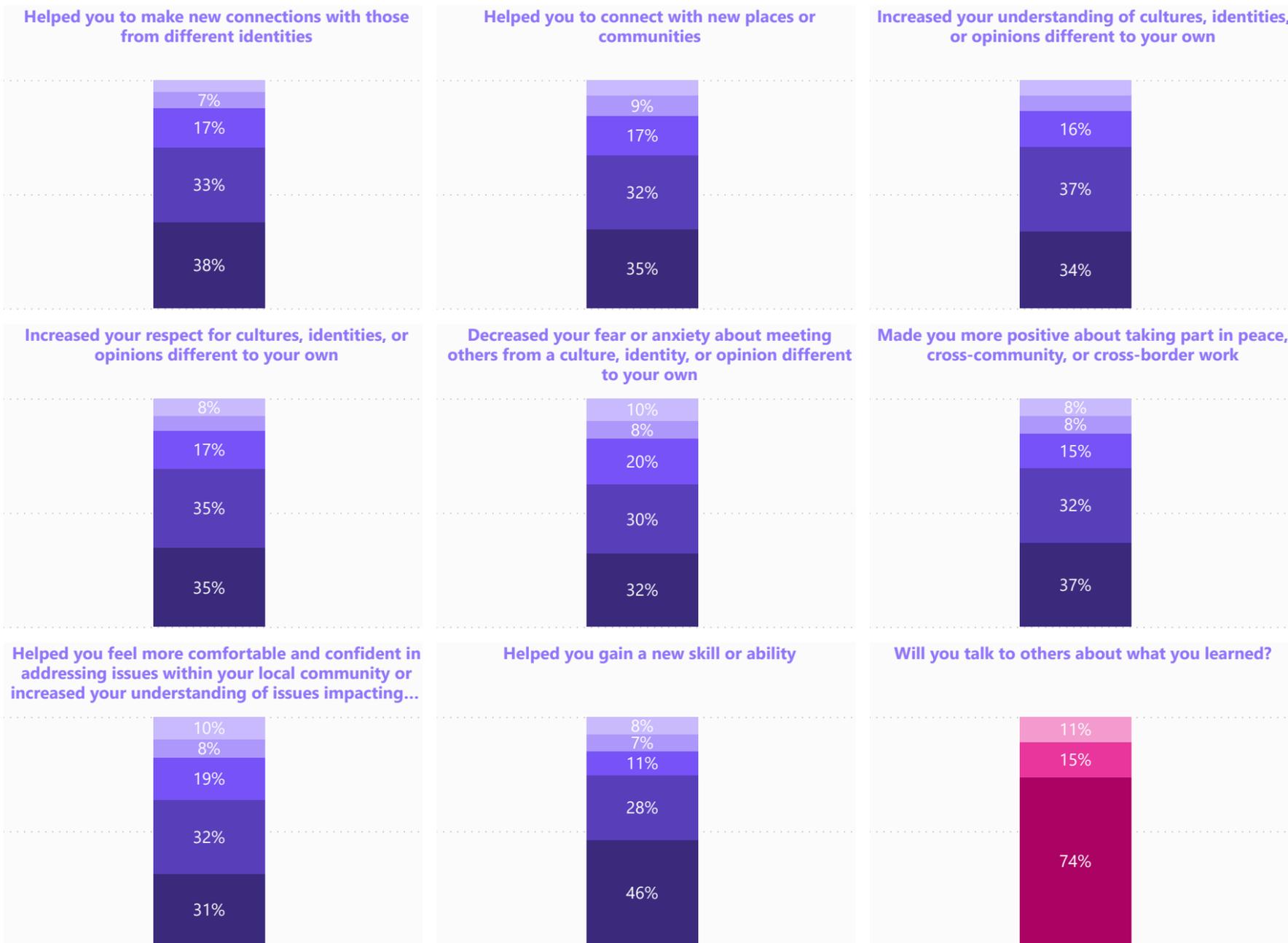
Positive Responses per Question

Positive Responses = Agree, Strongly Agree or Yes



Question Response Gauge

● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neutral ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree ● Yes ● No ● Prefer not to answer



377
Total Participants (All)

151
Total Achieved Participants

37%
% Woman or Girl Participants

13%
% Ethnic Minority



Total Participants by Project

Theme and Project	Total Participants	Non-Participating
TPC	300	38
Community Empowerment Programme	12	
Youth Empowerment: Juniors (9-12)	82	15
Youth Empowerment: Intermediate (12-15)	23	1
Youth Empowerment: Seniors (16-18)	7	
Youth Empowerment: Young Adults (19-25)	7	7
Sport for Peace	43	
Employability (Language Up)	19	2
Arts Across the Genres	107	13
CCD	77	13
Interfaith and Belief Programme	4	
Total	377	51

Project Activity Tracker

Theme Abbv	Times Activity Held	Total Unique Participants
TPC	409	262
Community Empowerment Programme	13	12
Youth Empowerment: Juniors (9-12)	48	67
Junior (9-12 year old) Activity	48	67
Youth Empowerment: Intermediate (12-15)	59	22
Intermediate (12-15 year old) - Social Action Learning Activity	1	6
Intermediate (12-15 year old) Activity	57	22
Intermediate (12-15 year old) Social Action Learning Activity	1	1
Youth Empowerment: Seniors (16-18)	66	7
Seniors (16-18 year old) Activity (Internaional Residential)	1	1
Seniors (16-18 year old) Activity (Non-Residential)	65	7
Sport for Peace	120	43
Pillar 1: Qualification/Coach Education	33	10
Pillar 2: Participation	87	35
Employability (Language Up)	66	17
Strand 1: Community Provision of Flexible Language Courses	51	17
Strand 2: Community Programme of Activities (including co-design process)	15	13
Arts Across the Genres	37	94
CCD	56	61
Total	465	326

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