

People and Communities Committee

Tuesday, 6th March, 2018

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Members present: Alderman Sandford (Chairperson);
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Copeland);
Alderman Rodgers; and
Councillors Armitage, Baker, Carson, Corr, Corr Johnston,
Heading, Lyons, Magennis, Murphy, McCusker, McReynolds,
Nic Biorna, Newton and Pankhurst.

In attendance: Mr. N. Grimshaw, Director of City and
Neighbourhood Services;
Mrs. R. Crozier, Assistant Director;
Mrs. S. Toland, Assistant Director; and
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Alderman McCoubrey and Councillors Milne and Nicholl.

Minutes

The minutes of the special meeting of 31st January and the meeting of 6th February were taken as read and signed as correct. It was reported that those minutes had been adopted by the Council at its meeting on 1st March.

Declaration of Interest

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Copeland) declared an interest in agenda item 6. (g) V Youth Forum and Ur City 2 Update, in that her daughter was employed by the Greater Village Regeneration Trust.

The Chairperson declared an interest in the same agenda item in that he was associated with the East Belfast Community Development Agency.

Item Withdrawn from Agenda

Proposal to bring disused pitch at Wedderburn into use

The Committee noted that the above item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

Matters Referred Back from Council/Motions

Motion – Epilepsy

The Committee was reminded that, at the meeting of the Council on 1st March, the following motion, which had been proposed by Councillor Dorrian and seconded by Councillor Heading, had been referred to the Committee for consideration:

"This Council acknowledges this year's 'Purple Day' on Monday, 26th March, and recognises the challenges that many people in Belfast, of all ages, face living with epilepsy in all its different forms.

The Council will commit to ensuring that proper information is circulated to its staff and through its network of centres and offices, to promote a better understanding of the condition and provide advice on how to react if an epileptic situation arises which requires assistance."

The Committee agreed that a report would be submitted to a future meeting.

Committee/Strategic Issues

ARC21 Update

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 Members may recall that, at the November Committee meeting, an offer was made from Covanta to visit the new waste treatment facility in Dublin. After a discussion, Members decided not to take up this offer and took the opportunity to request an update on developments from arc21. This report has been drafted to provide an update and the three Members who represent the Council on arc 21's Joint Committee have been invited to attend this evening's meeting.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to note the report.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

3.1 arc21 was originally incorporated and established in 2003 after a process of ever-closer co-operation between its eleven constituent councils. Following local government reform (LGR) in 2015, it was reconstituted as the waste management group representing the 6 councils in the east of Northern Ireland. arc21 works on behalf of its constituent councils with their officers to procure contractors to assist the councils in meeting their statutory obligations and to develop innovative approaches to waste management.

3.2 Prior to being incorporated, in February 2002, arc21 issued a draft Waste Management Plan for public consultation which

considered various options and proposed a series of recommendations regarding how a series of waste management treatment/disposal facilities could be procured for the region in an integrated manner to ensure that the region's waste could achieve compliance with the statutory waste targets which had been timetabled until 2020.

- 3.3 The Plan was subsequently approved and adopted by the councils in 2003. The Plan was reviewed in 2006, following further public consultation, and was approved by the Minister of the Environment and by the councils. In early 2014, the latest update of the Waste Management Plan was consulted upon after which the Minister approved it in June 2014 before councils ratified this in October 2014. In 2015, this version was amended to incorporate the geographical changes arising from LGR (see Figure 1). This Plan takes account of the NI Waste Management Strategy entitled '*Delivering Resource Efficiency*' published by the DOE in 2013. A copy of the arc21 Plan is available at <http://www.arc21.org.uk/download/1/arc21%20WMP%20Sep%2015%20wv.pdf>

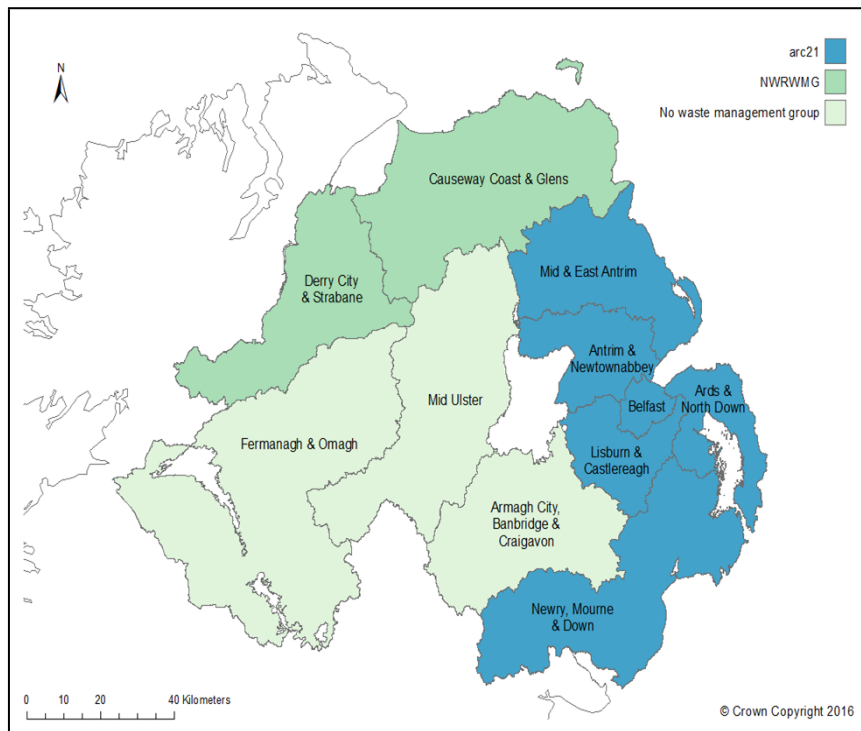


Figure 1: arc21 and its constituent councils

- 3.4 Since its formation, arc21 has awarded and managed contracts worth over £260M on behalf of the constituent

councils which cover (i) organic waste (compost) from brown bins, (ii) a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for the recyclates from blue bin (iii) landfills (iv) glass and textile banks (v) street sweeps (vi) supplies contracts (corn starch bags, bins, &c) and (vii) services contracts (H&S reviews, &c).

- 3.5 The work of arc21 has been developed by a Steering Group composed of a small secretariat and Directors, senior staff from the constituent councils which is then considered and approved by a Joint Committee comprised of 3 Members nominated from each of the 6 constituent councils (see Table 1). This gives the Joint Committee a total of 18 Members. Since its formation, this Committee has met over 155 times to discharge arc21's work which is governed by a legally binding collaborative agreement between the councils.

Council	Name
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	Councillor Brian Duffin
	Councillor Mervyn Rea MBE
	Councillor Matthew Magill
Ards and North Down Borough Council	Alderman Angus Carson
	Alderman Robert Gibson (Vice Chair)
	Councillor Alistair Cathcart
Belfast City Council	Councillor Georgina Milne
	Councillor Jolene Bunting
	Councillor Matthew Collins
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	Councillor Owen Gawith
	Councillor Luke Poots
	Alderman James Tinsley
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council	Councillor Beth Adger MBE
	Councillor Declan O'Loan (Chair)
	Councillor Ruth Wilson
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	Councillor Stephen Burns
	Councillor Dermot Curran
	Councillor Garth Craig

Table 1: Constituent councils' representatives

- 3.6 While arc21 has focused on delivering contracts to maximise the opportunity of waste by '*Reducing, Re-using and Recycling*', it's not possible to do that for all councils wastes yet and a considerable amount of non-recycled/composted '*residual*' (black bin) waste remains. At present, this is sent for treatment or disposal but, in line with ever-reducing annual targets, the amount of waste sent to landfill must fall until by 2020 only 35% of the amount disposed of in 1995 is disposed of in this manner. Failure to achieve this could lead to fines which would ultimately have to be paid for by ratepayers.
- 3.7 Recognising this risk, the Plans adopted by the councils set out detailed proposals to use Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) and Energy from Waste (EfW) – technologies already widely used in GB and Europe – to manage this residual waste. arc21 started a procurement exercise in 2008 to secure a contractor to develop these facilities to manage residual waste using an MBT, where some recyclates could be recovered, before the remaining material would be prepared as a '*fuel*' with which an EfW plant could produce heat or electricity.
- 3.8 Following submission to the DOE of a planning application to develop these waste treatment facilities at Hightown Quarry, in September 2015 the Minister issued a Notice of Opinion that, if not responded to, would have resulted in permission being refused. The Joint Committee subsequently endorsed a request for a Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) hearing to be called which was supported by arc21's constituent councils. This was held in October 2016 following which some additional information was requested. In March 2017, the PAC report was issued to the Department for Infrastructure (Dfi) following which the Department granted planning permission for an MBT and EfW facility on 13 September, 2017.
- 3.9 A local objector group was subsequently granted leave for a judicial review of this decision and this has just concluded (14 February). The judge is currently considering the case but is expected to provide a ruling shortly.
- 3.10 Financial & Resource Implications
- None
- 3.11 Equality or Good Relations Implications
- None.”

The Committee noted the update provided.

Minutes of the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group

The Assistant Director advised that, at the meeting of the Strategic Cemetery and Crematorium Working Group held on 28th February, the following key items had been considered:

- update on the report of a fatal accident at Craighton Cemetery, Glasgow;
- update in respect of the new Crematorium Development;
- update in respect of the permanent memorial to mark Plot Z1 in the City Cemetery; and
- it was noted that three water bowsers had recently been installed in those areas of the cemetery which had been most adversely affected by the disruption to the mains water supply at Roselawn Cemetery.

At the request of a Member, the Assistant Director explained to the Committee the process around memorial safety inspection. She advised that officers were aware of the importance of ensuring that the public were kept informed of the process that was being undertaken and of working with families to try and remedy any headstones which had been identified as being unsafe.

The Committee approved and adopted the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group held on 28th February.

Committee Plan 2018/19 Update (tabled at the meeting)

The Director of City and Neighbourhood Services drew the Members' attention to a Workshop Feedback report that provided a brief overview of the discussion that had taken place at the recent Committee Planning Workshop which had been held on Tuesday 27th February.

The Committee noted that the purpose of the Workshop had been:

- to review the performance and achievements of the Committee Plan in 2017/18; and
- to translate the priorities of the Belfast Agenda and Corporate Plan into a work plan for the Committee to deliver in 2018/19.

A Member highlighted that, at the recent briefing session held on Monday, 26th February, which had been held for the Committee Members to discuss the Affordable Warmth Scheme with the Head of Fuel Poverty in the Department for Communities, it had been highlighted that the Building Control Section was currently in receipt of over six hundred self-referrals to the scheme that were waiting to be processed. He highlighted that there was insufficient funding from the Department for Communities for the Building Control Section to allocate enough staff to deal with the volume of self-referrals being made to the scheme and he proceeded to outline various

operational measures that could potentially be implemented which might help progress this backlog.

The Committee noted that this would be a matter for the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

The Assistant Director advised that the Northern Ireland Assembly currently held the budget for the Affordable Warmth Scheme and reiterated that at this stage there had been no confirmation of funding for 2018-2019 but a reduction to the budget was anticipated, therefore, whilst additional staffing resources might help speed up the processing of the applications, it would not assist with the overall delivery of the scheme.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed:

- that officers would proceed to compile a revised Committee Plan for 2018-19, for consideration at the April meeting; and
- to refer to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee the consideration of additional staffing resources to assist with the delivery of the Affordable Warmth Scheme.

Finance, Procurement and Performance

Quarter 3 Finance Update

The Director of City and Neighbourhood Services summarised the contents of a report which presented a Quarter 3 financial position for the People and Communities Committee, including a forecast of the year end outturn. He advised that the detail included the Quarter 3 position for the Committee which showed an under-spend of £1,229k or (2.1%) of the budget, with the forecast year-end position being an under-spend of £807k (1%) which was well within the acceptable variance limit of 3%.

The Director advised that the corporate departmental forecast position at Quarter 3 was an underspend of £557k (0.4%). He reminded the Members that, as part of the Revenue Estimate setting process for 2018/19, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting held on 15th December 2017, had agreed that non recurrent funding of £147k for Community Grants and £70k for Twilight Markets would be made available for 2018/19. The forecast surplus position at the year-end was therefore an underspend of £340k.

The Committee noted that, given the £340k forecast surplus, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee had also agreed that no further re-allocations would be considered until the year end position had been reported to its Committee Meeting in June 2018.

The Committee noted the report, the associated financial reporting pack and the update in respect of the Council's corporate position.

Physical Programme and Asset Management

Proposal to Mark Out a Temporary Pitch at Stranmillis Embankment

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting on 7th November, 2017, it had agreed, 'in principle', to mark out a temporary Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) pitch at Lower Botanic Gardens for Bredagh and St. Malachy's Gaelic Clubs to use while Cherryvale was unavailable.

The Assistant Director advised that this agreement had been subject to discussion with the local Residents Association and the Friends of Botanic Gardens, and that the temporary pitch would be for the period up to the end of September, 2018, subject to favourable site conditions to be determined by the Community Park Manager.

The Committee was advised that an information session had been held on 9th January at St Bartholomew's, Stranmillis Road, to provide residents with an opportunity to hear about the proposals and to complete a short survey. In summary, she advised that, whilst the residents had reservations about the proposal, given that it was a temporary solution, there was no significant objection to it and this had been subsequently reported to the South Area Working Group.

The Committee noted that the cost of marking out the temporary pitch and the erection of the posts was estimated to be in the region of £5,000 which would be met from existing budgets.

The Committee agreed to the request from Bredagh and St Malachy's Gaelic Clubs subject to:

- a restriction on the level of use during any given week and an agreed programme of use with the two Gaelic Clubs;
- the facilities only being available for use to those GAA Clubs that had been displaced at Cherryvale; and
- a portable toilet facility being provided during the period of temporary use.

Operational Issues

Public Access Defibrillator Pilot Programme Update

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an update to the Committee on the progress with the public access defibrillator pilot programme and seek agreement on priority sites for future provision in Council assets, where money becomes available.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- Note the update on the pilot programme;
- Agree that future provision of public access defibrillators will be undertaken where money becomes available to fund the purchase and installation of devices;
- Approve the proposed locations for future provision of public access defibrillators in Council assets.

3.0 Main report

3.1 Update on Phases 1, 2 and 3 of public access defibrillator provision

Members will be aware the Council has been undertaking a public access defibrillator pilot programme. As part of this programme defibrillators were initially installed in 6 parks in May 2016, namely:

- Victoria Park
- Waterworks Park
- Fullerton Park
- Tullycarnet Park
- Boucher Road Playing Fields
- Falls Park

3.2 A second phase of installation took place in September 2017 across a further 8 Council sites, namely:

- Grove Playing Fields
- Cherryvale Playing Fields
- Blanchflower Stadium
- Wedderburn Playing Fields
- Woodvale Playing Fields
- Henry Jones Playing Fields
- Woodlands Playing Fields
- City of Belfast Playing Fields

3.3 Installation at Botanic Park is also due to take place as part of the second phase. The installation at Botanic Park has been delayed due to the ongoing project at the Tropical Ravine.

3.4 A third phase of installation is due to take place shortly across a further 8 Council sites thanks to the kind donation

received from the family of the late Mark Murphy, which covered the cost of buying the 8 defibrillators for these sites.

The locations for the third phase of the programme were agreed through the Area Working Groups in January/February as:

- Ormeau Park (public toilet area facing into the park)
- Orangefield Park
- Shore Road Playing Fields
- Suffolk Playing Fields
- Strangford Playing Fields
- Loughshore Playing Fields
- Musgrave Park
- Ulidia Playing Fields

3.5 Proposal for future phases of public access defibrillator provision

It is proposed that future public access defibrillators are installed in priority Council sites as money becomes available to fund the purchase and installation of the devices. The focus for public access defibrillators on Council sites continues to be on recreational facilities and those sites with significant public access or high footfall.

3.5 Proposed locations for the installation of future public access defibrillators in Council Parks/Playing fields include:

- Dunville Park
- Sally Gardens
- Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park
- Blythefield
- Dixon Playing Fields
- Alderman Tommy Patton Park
- Clarendon Playing Fields
- Glenbank Park

3.7 It was agreed at the People and Communities Committee meeting held on 5th December 2017 that consideration would be given to the potential of extending defibrillator provision to other Council assets such as Community Centres.

3.8 Priority proposed locations for the installation of future public access defibrillators in Community Centres include:

- Cregagh Community Centre
- Dee Street Community Centre
- North Queen Street Community Centre

- Ardoyne Community Centre
- Hammer Community Centre
- Highfield Community Centre
- Morton Community Centre
- Markets Community Centre

3.9 The provision of defibrillators at all sites would be subject to the identification of a suitable location with an electrical supply and confirmation with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) that there are no other public access defibrillators within a short distance.

3.10 Financial & Resource Implications

The cost of purchasing a defibrillator, an external cabinet, paediatric pads and ancillary items is approximately £1400 per site. The costs associated with the installation of a defibrillator is dependent on a site specific survey for each site. It is proposed that future installation of defibrillators at Council sites will be undertaken when money becomes available.

3.11 Equality or Good Relations Implications

The Council's Good Relations Unit have advised that proposals for extending the deployment of defibrillators will have a positive effect on the Health and Wellbeing of people who work, live and visit Belfast and that this is a positive equality action."

A Member advised that he had previously highlighted that defibrillators were not available in the Council's community centres and he asked that consideration be given to funding this programme of works from any in-year departmental underspend.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed:

- the future phases of the defibrillator programme as outlined in the report; and
- that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee be requested to consider the installation of a defibrillator in each of the Council's Community Centres with the money for this programme of works to be met from year end underspend.

Provision of Grit in Snow/Ice Conditions

The Committee considered a report in relation to the provision of grit in snow/ice conditions.

A Member noted the dedication and hard work of the staff who had been involved in the recent snow clearance/gritting during the recent spell of bad weather and asked that, on behalf of the Committee, thanks be conveyed to all the members of staff involved.

Following detailed consideration, the Committee agreed:

- to defer consideration of the report in respect of the provision of grit in snow/ice conditions to enable officers to obtain a legal opinion should the Council agree to assume additional responsibility for this function;
- that the demand and potential location of grit boxes would be considered at the Area Working Groups;
- that the Director would forward an e-mail of appreciation to all staff who had been involved in the recent snow clearance/gritting; and
- agreed that an update report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

St. Patrick's Day Update and Alcohol Legislation Review

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the planned Council and inter-agency operations to promote the positive participation in St. Patrick’s Day celebrations across the city.

1.2 Furthermore, the report will update Members on the progress of the review of the existing legislative framework in addressing on street drinking and possible additional powers to enhance those powers currently available in Northern Ireland requested at Committee on 7 June 2016. This followed a Notice of Motion tabled at Committee which read:

‘Belfast City Council is concerned that it’s Bye-Law prohibiting the consumption of alcohol on the city’s streets, is on its own proving wholly ineffective in deterring this problem and criminalises those with an addiction.

Accordingly, Belfast City Council would ask the Department of Justice to commence Part 5 of the Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008 which gives powers to the PSNI to confiscate alcohol and extend those powers to Council Officers. The Council also asked the Department of Justice to extend the power to issue fixed penalty notices for offences under the Council’s Bye-Laws so that the Council can adopt a more flexible approach to those detected consuming alcohol in designated places.’

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to;

- consider the contents of the report.

- consider if they would like the possibility of additional primary legislation to be more formally explored with central government, PSNI and other local authorities.

3.0 Main report

3.1 St Patrick’s Day Operation 2018

Members will be aware of the complex multi-agency operation and strong partnership working that exists in planning and delivery of services around St. Patrick’s Day. The multi-agency operation for 2018 is being co-ordinated from the Silver Command Room Musgrave Street PSNI Station (including the parade and concert).

3.2 The City Events Manager, Gerry Copeland, will be available for queries about the parade and concert and the Safer City Manager, Alison Allen, will be available for queries about the Holy Land and citywide parks/open spaces operation.

3.3 Operation Objectives

- To reduce anti-social behaviour in the Holy land area
- To reduce the number of people attending the Holy Land area
- To reduce the amount of alcohol being brought in to the Holy Land area and being consumed
- To provide effective clean up to all parts of the city
- To reduce anti-social behaviour and consumption of alcohol in parks and open spaces

3.4 Council Activities

In order to achieve our objectives Council Officers will carry out the following activities:

Dates	Times	Location	Activity
15/03/18	14:30–21:30	Holy Lands and Wider University Area	Proactive patrolling, advice, warning and enforcement
	09:00-17:00	Citywide	Day Time Noise Services
	20:00-04:00	Citywide	Night Time Noise Services
16/03/18	14:30–23:30	Wider University Area (WUA)	Proactive patrolling, advice, warning and enforcement
	09:00-17:00	Citywide	Day Time Noise Services
	16:00-04:00	Citywide & WUA	Night Time Noise Services

17/03/18	10:00–00:00	Holylands and Wider University Area	Proactive patrolling, advice, warning and enforcement
	07:00–00:00	Parks and Open Spaces	Static proactive patrolling, advice, warning and enforcement (roaming from 19:00 – Midnight)
	10:00-20:00	Holylands and Wider University Area	Noise Patrolling
	20:00-04:00	Holylands and Wider University Area	Night Time Noise Services (prioritised calls for Holy Land area)

3.5 Council Mobile CCTV Services will be deployed to monitor high risk parks and open spaces across the city on 16 March 2017 and on St. Patrick’s Day. Deployment of these services will be managed by Council’s Safer City Manager Alison Allen.

3.6 Council Cleansing Services will support all operations with post city centre events cleansing and storage facilities for items (such as bottles) removed in the wider university area.

3.7 Council Building Control Service will be involved in inspections of premises and other events during the operation as detailed below:

- **Officer visits to pubs and clubs to remind them of their licensing obligations in the run up to St. Patricks Day and providing additional support where needed to potentially problematic premises;**
- **Building Control Licensing will be undertaking day time inspections across the city in the days before St. Patricks Day;**
- **On St. Patrick’s Day they will conduct daytime performance inspections, as well as attending the event at Custom House Square;**
- **Proactively address illegal street trading**
- **Officers have issued a joint letter to private hire bus/coach companies (with PSNI and DVA) reminding them of their legal obligations in relation to consumption of alcohol on buses**
- **Officers will issue a joint letter with PSNI and DVA to private hire bus/coach companies reminding them of the law regarding the consumption of alcohol on their vehicles**

Positive Animation of Parks/Open Spaces

- 3.8 Members will recall that at People and Communities Committee in January 2018, positive animation of parks/open spaces was discussed as part of a wider strategy to tackle anti-social behaviour.
- 3.9 In support of this, three parks/open spaces have been identified as having the potential to have challenges with anti-social behaviour on St. Patrick's Day and positive animation and activities are being planned to encourage positive community use of those spaces on 17 March.

They are:

Falls Park – Community Fun Day being planned
Marrowbone Park – Family Fun Day and Football Tournament being planned
Dunville Park – Family Fun Day being planned

Partner Activities

Queens University Belfast - Queen's University has been visiting a number of students in the run up to St. Patrick's Day to remind them of appropriate levels of behaviour. On St. Patrick's Day they will deploy a team of volunteers from mid-morning to nightfall; they will proactively engage with the students to prevent ASB from happening and deteriorating.

- 3.11 **Ulster University** - Ulster University has also been visiting students in the run up to St. Patrick's Day and they will deploy a team of volunteers and officers on 17 March. They will proactively engage with the students to prevent ASB from happening and deteriorating.
- 3.12 **City Church** - City Church is being used as a base for briefings and joint working on the day
- 3.13 **Street Pastors** - Street Pastors will be volunteering around the wider university area on both 16 March and on St. Patrick's Day. Their role will be to engage with the students as well as proactively be helping to clean up litter, discarded bottles etc.
- 3.14 **SOS Bus** - SOS Bus will deploy their normal big bus service in Shaftesbury Square and at the request of Council will deploy their two mini buses to support Council Officers around parks and open spaces.

- 3.15 **Landlords** - A number of landlords will be in the wider university area to help manage St. Patrick's Day, their role is to speak to students causing ASB in their properties. A number of landlords have already communicated with their tenants in the local area to warn of the potential implications of rowdy ASB.
- 3.16 **PSNI** - Police operations will be coordinated from Musgrave Street Police Station. Police will work proactively in partnership with Council (and other partners) in the run up to and on St. Patrick's Day 2018 and there will be a significant police presence in the Holy Land area and wider city. The policing operation will focus on public safety and minimising any negative impacts of celebrations on the wider community, whilst still allowing people to safely and lawfully enjoy the day.
- 3.17 **Alcohol Recovery Centre** - The Alcohol Recovery Centre (ARC) run by the Belfast Trust will operate out of the bowling pavilion in Botanic Park. The ARC will have medical professionals available to deal with minor injuries and issues associated with over consumption of alcohol. More serious injuries/illness will be brought straight to hospital. In 2017 the ARC dealt with approximate 30 individuals who would have otherwise been taken to Emergency Departments.
- 3.18 **Spring Gathering Event (South Belfast Partnership Board)** - South Belfast Partnership Board will be running a positive family friendly event in the grounds of the Theological College on the day.
- 3.19 **Alcohol Legislation Review**
The Department of Justice, PSNI and Belfast City Council Officers have completed the review of existing legislation and bye-laws and have also examined comparable legislation in GB and ROI.
- 3.20 The following pieces of legislation have been examined:
- Belfast Improvement Act 1845
 - Town Police Clauses Act 1847
 - The Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907
 - Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act 1908 (drunk in charge of an animal or child)
 - The Local Government Act (NI) 1972 – section 90 (Alcohol Bye Laws)
 - Criminal Justice (NI) Order 1980
 - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985 - Entertainment Licence
 - Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 and PACE Codes of Practice
 - The Licensing Order 1996
 - The Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996
 - The Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997
 - Public Processions (NI) Act 1998

- The Police (NI) Act 2003
- Anti-social Behaviour (NI) Order 2004
- The Violent Crime Reductions Act 2006 (England and Wales Only)
- The Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008 (Part 5 not commenced in NI)
- Policing and Crime Act 2009
- The Justice Act (NI) 2011
- Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (NI) 2011 (not yet in force)
- Pavement Cafes Act (NI) 2014
- Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (England and Wales Only)
- Public Service Vehicles Regulations (NI) 1985
- Section 54 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

3.21 Individual organisations have ensured they are operating to their full legislative capability as the legislation stands at present. However, the ongoing discourse regarding the role of alcohol in crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder demonstrates that improvements in the legislative landscape may be required.

3.22 Part 5 of the Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008 – (ss.68-72 not yet commenced in NI) states that:

- a. PSNI has the power to confiscate alcohol in designated places if a constable reasonably believes that a person is, or has been, consuming intoxicating liquor in a designated place or intends to consume intoxicating liquor (s.68(1))
- b. Article 70 defines 'designated public place' as a public place in the district of a council; and identified in an order made by that council and that it satisfied that nuisance or annoyance to members of the public or a section of the public; or disorder has been associated with the consumption of intoxicating liquor in that place
- c. A constable may require that person not to consume intoxicating liquor: to surrender intoxicating liquor or a container for such liquor
- d. A constable can dispose of anything surrendered as he considers appropriate.
- e. If a person fails to comply with requirements – the constable will inform that person he is committing an

offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 (£500) on the standard scale

- f. The constable may issue a fixed penalty notice to that person (not exceeding £125)
- g. If a person fails to pay the fixed penalty notice within 21 days, then proceedings in the Magistrates' Court may be instigated
- h. Existing byelaws would no longer apply.

3.23 The Notice of Motion as outlined above in June 2016 requested the Department of Justice to commence Part 5 of the Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008; extend those powers to Council Officers and create the power for Officers to issue fixed penalty notices for offences under the Council's alcohol bye-laws.

3.24 Part 5 of the Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008 provides that PSNI officers can confiscate and dispose of alcohol when it has been surrendered to them. The current provisions do not provide the PSNI with the power of seizure and disposal and PSNI has stated that it is therefore operationally unworkable for them. If the Council wished to enforce this legislation, the Order would require amendment to extend the provisions to council officers and in addition to this, the Department of Justice has advised that Regulations would also have to be drafted and this would require agreement from the Executive. It is therefore unlikely that a commencement order for Part 5 of the Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008 will be issued. In relation to creating the power for officers to issue fixed penalty notices for offences under the Council's alcohols bye-laws, this would require an amendment to the Local Government Act (NI) 1972 which would require regional consultation together with Ministerial approval.

3.25 As part of the wider review of the legislative framework to deal with anti-social behaviour, Departmental Officials have advised they are considering the issues surrounding on-street drinking and the powers available for both Police and Council Officers to deal with such matters.

3.26 The review also identified that the National Consortium of Police and Crime Commissioners in England identified in 2016 that national best practice in the mitigation of negative impacts of alcohol was individual centred and multi-agency support and education initiatives. This is reflected in a similar approach being in Dublin and recognises that the negative impacts of alcohol consumption are reflective of wider health and well-being issues and need to sit within a multi-disciplinary strategic framework.

3.27 Given the absence of Ministers and current situation in the NI Assembly, amendments to, and the creation of additional legislation is not an available option at present, however, Officials will continue to work in the background as far as possible on available options, should this situation change. However, please be aware that additional legislation can take a significant period of time to process.

3.28 Finance and Resource Implications

As outlined above, the multi-agency operation managing negative issues around St. Patrick's Day is significant. However, the operations are well developed and the Council resource requirements (both financial and staff resource) are considered as part of the annual revenue budgets. Additionally, Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership are providing financial assistance for the Alcohol Recovery Centre, the SOS Bus and the use of City Church.

3.29 Equality and Good Relations Implications

There are no equality or Good Relations implication at present, however, this will be monitored on an ongoing basis."

Following a query from a Member, the Assistant Director undertook to submit an update report in respect of the transfer of Houses in Multiple Occupation regulations to a future meeting.

The Committee:

- agreed that officers proceed to formally explore the possibility of additional primary legislation with central government, the PSNI and other local authorities; and
- agreed that an update report would be submitted to a future meeting on the progress of the transfer of Houses in Multiple Occupation regulation.

Suicide Prevention in Public Places

(Mrs. V. Brown, Environmental Health Manager, attended in connection with this item)

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

"1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the ongoing work in the city associated with suicide prevention in public places and to seek endorsement from Committee regarding this work and the Council's role in it.

1.2 Protect Life Strategy

The Council works closely with the health trusts, the police, the Public Health Agency and community and voluntary sector organisations in suicide prevention work in the city. It is a member of the Belfast Protect Life Implementation Group and while the Public Health Agency takes a lead in implementing the government's Protect Life Strategy all partners are fully engaged in the work to minimise the impact these tragic deaths have on families, communities and local areas.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to;

- note the information contained in the report and to agree the proposed approach for Cavehill Country Park, in particular consulting with local stakeholders and organising a spring programme of activities to promote the positive image of the Park.
- grant approval for the free use of Ormeau Park for the Darkness into Light event subject to the organisers meeting all legal and statutory requirements and providing an event plan.

3.0 Main report

Key Issues

3.1 Work to improve mental health and emotional resilience is well publicised but suicide prevention work less so. This is because reporting on suicide and work directly associated with it can be difficult. Harmful reporting by the media and speculation and inaccurate posting on social media can bring damaging attention to a death which is not only extremely distressing for family members but can increase fear and anxiety for individuals and communities. This can lead to further deaths by similar methods or at the same or similar locations and is why some of the work directly associated with suicide prevention and response is not widely publicised.

3.2 Following a number of public incidents in recent years involving open space in the city, the Council trained its Park Wardens and Safer Neighbourhood Officers in the internationally recognised 'SafeTalk' training to enable them to provide support to anyone they come across who may be feeling anxious or distressed. More recently the Council and a number of other partner organisations started working on a project specifically aimed at preventing suicide in public places.

- 3.3 The project team has been using the practice resource 'Preventing Suicide in Public Places', published in November 2015 by Public Health England (PHE). It contains a useful step by step guide to identifying locations and taking action. This involves the systematic collection and analysis of local data and developing an action plan for priority locations. The publication also contains practical examples and evidence of effectiveness of interventions to prevent suicide in public places.
- 3.4 The project team began by reviewing the information on deaths by suicide in public places in Belfast over a number of years. However, to enable a more comprehensive understanding of locations and necessary preventative work it determined that information on attempted suicides and additional information on how far people had travelled to a location, etc. should also be collected. This proved difficult as there was no single data collection system for this type of information. Partner organisations have been working together on sourcing the relevant data within established information sharing protocols and the project will connect with other work streams in informing a future data collection system.
- 3.5 However, rather than let the data collection issue hold things up it was decided to consider opportunities for suicide prevention work in certain public places as part of other planned development work; for example, the refurbishment of Marrowbone Park. The connection was made between the development of the park and a community based 'Care Zone', which has been designed and led by local people and continues to work with numerous agencies and organisations to build hope in that particular area of the city. This connection gives local people the opportunity to consider how the park can be reimaged and used in the future but it also takes into account the sensitivities associated with its past. Another similar opportunity has been identified with the development of Falls Park and the City Cemetery, where there is potential to incorporate some of the physical measures identified in the PHE publication, for example improved lighting, restricting access to low level branches and creating a positive bright and well used space.
- 3.6 Other public locations have also been considered by the project team including Cavehill Country Park, however the physical measures and deterrents mentioned above are unlikely to be relevant to a park of its size and characteristics. The PHE publication refers to other measures such as increasing opportunities for help seeking

by suicidal individuals; for example, by placing signs in strategic locations; it also refers to improving the public image of the site. The project team is considering these measures but given recent events it recognises that a safe and balanced approach is required. A starting point therefore will be to work with local groups such as the Belfast Hills Partnership, the Cavehill Conservation Group and local residents' groups to emphasise the positive image of the park, reminding people that it is a beautiful and interesting place, safe for children and a good place to support positive mental health. The Park's Outreach team is exploring a spring programme of activities promoting the Country Park's 'Green Flag' status and opportunities for putting into practice the Take5 steps to emotional wellbeing. The potential for signage will also be considered during consultations with local groups, residents and other stakeholders. The PHE publication strongly advocates early public consultation and engagement before implementing any such measures.

- 3.7 One of the case studies mentioned in the PHE publication is Taxi Watch, a proactive approach to suicide prevention by taxi drivers. PSNI identified a similar scheme in Kilkenny and, working with the Public Health Agency, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and the Council, organised a meeting in January to engage with local taxi drivers. A taxi driver from the Kilkenny scheme attended and following the meeting one of the large Belfast based taxi companies with over 900 drivers volunteered to pilot SafeTalk training for a group of its drivers and a group of control room operators. The training will be provided by BHSCT and if successful will be rolled out to other drivers and staff.
- 3.8 The Council has been asked to support a Darkness into Light event on Saturday 12th May by facilitating the free use of Ormeau Park to start the event. This is an international event highlighting the issue of suicide awareness and the associated process of bereavement, grief and reflection. It involves a 5K walk or run starting at the same time in all venues before dawn.
- 3.9 Members are reminded that the Lifeline crisis response helpline number will continue to operate even though the existing contract is coming to an end. Anyone in distress or seeking help should be encouraged to contact the lifeline number, 0808 808 8000, it is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year. It is free of charge for all calls (including mobiles) and is answered by trained counsellors.
- 3.10 Financial & Resource Implications

This work is undertaken within existing revenue budgets.

3.11 Equality or Good Relations Implications

There are no equality or good relations implications associated with this report although any future action plan will require to be equality screened.”

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

24 hour International Running Championships in Victoria Park

The Assistant Director advised that a request had been received from a Local Organising Committee seeking permission to use some areas of Victoria Park to host the World 24 hour International Running Championships 2018, on 23rd and 24th June.

The officer detailed that, with the help of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee and a Local Organising Committee, Belfast had successfully hosted this event in the summer of 2017. Forty nations including competitors, their management, family and spectators had attended which had contributed greatly to the local economy.

She advised that this had demonstrated that Belfast had the ability to host a successful World Championship with high levels of participants, spectators, logistical support and media coverage. The local organisers wished to build on this legacy by staging the International in June, which would also incorporate the National Championship.

The Assistant Director reported that the Local Organising Committee were now meeting regularly with officers from Parks and City Events. She reported that an event management plan had been developed and the Parks Event 24 Point Plan had been submitted.

The Committee was advised further that, due to the scale of the event, there would be some minor disruption to some of the existing activities within the park which she reported as follows:

- the car park would be required to close for the setup of the race headquarters, marquees etc. in advance of and during the event (Topaz had offered use of their site for car parking on Airport Road West);
- bowlers would be requested to arrange no home matches that weekend;
- the tunnel would need to close to prevent access of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians onto the race circuit;
- alternative through access would be provided across the park to the Sam Thompson Bridge;
- the Park Run would go ahead at 9.30 a.m. with the race starting at 1.00 p.m. on the Saturday afternoon; and
- no other park bookings would be taken.

The Committee agreed to grant limited access to some areas of Victoria Park for the safe and successful management of the International event subject to the organisers meeting all the statutory health and safety requirements.

Review of Football Leagues

The Assistant Director advised the Committee that the Council operated grass pitches through direct management, Facility Management Agreements and Partner Agreements. She detailed that, because of the seasonal nature of association football, the highest level of use was usually over the winter period. Leagues that were supported by teams from across Belfast and beyond made a significant proportion of these bookings. She advised that extended periods of winter weather often rendered pitches to be unplayable due to health and safety concerns or the requirement to try to protect the pitch to the end of the playing season.

The Committee noted that calling off pitches was the responsibility of Parks Management and match referees. Obviously, cancellations in advance impacted on teams and leagues through cancelled bookings and rearranged fixtures, cancellations on the day only added to the problem, with the additional expense of unnecessary staff, payment of officials, unnecessary travel for teams and officers, to name but a few.

The Assistant Director detailed that across Europe winter breaks were often a common feature. She explained that a winter break would require extending the playing season into the summer months and the impact of this would need to be considered and taken into account, as all pitches required a rest period each year in order to sustain them from season to season.

The Committee granted officers authority to consult with stakeholders to develop options for a potential winter break period during which no grass pitch bookings would be available for league fixtures.

Youth Forum and Ur City 2 Update

The Committee considered the undernoted report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To update the Committee on the most recent work of the Belfast Youth Forum, including recruitment for the new 2018-2020 Youth Forum, and to provide an update on 2017/18 Ur City 2 monies.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Committee is asked to;

- **note the content of this report highlighting the work of the Belfast Youth Forum and agree to the new phase of Youth Forum recruitment.**

3.0 Main report

3.1 This paper is an update on:

- i. Outline arrangements for Youth Forum 2018-20 recruitment plan;
- ii. the main activities of Council's Youth Forum (YF); and
- iii. funding awards under 'Ur City 2' programme 2017/18.

3.2 Youth Forum Recruitment

Young people on the YF serve a 2-year term and in June the current 2016-18 cohort will end their term and a new cohort of young people will begin. Recruitment for the 2018-2020 YF will start on 26th February with an open application process which will last for four weeks and close on 26th March. Applicants will then be invited to a recruitment session in City Hall in April and will also take part in an interview with two outgoing YF members and a member of staff. A total of 40 places will be allocated to young people aged 13-18 (four from each of the DEA's).

3.3 Votes at 16 campaign

In November 2017, Cllr O'Hara sponsored a Notion of Motion on behalf of the YF calling on Council to endorse voting rights for young people aged 16 and above and calling on the UK government to extend voting legislation to all 16 and 17 year olds in time for the next local government elections. The YF made a deputation at this meeting advocating voting rights for 16 and 17 year olds and the motion passed by an overwhelming majority. While already linking with the UK campaign, the YF want to start to build links with the official 'Votes at 16' campaign in the South. The YF is currently planning a trip to Dublin for April 2018 to meet young people working on the campaign in the South and to visit Seanad Eireann to meet with the Seanadoiri who are currently working on a Bill to legislate for votes at 16 in southern Ireland. The YF hope that by making these connections they can help to create a linked campaign working towards votes at 16 across all four jurisdictions.

3.4 Mental Health Campaign

The YF, along with young people from the Children's Law Centre and NI Youth Forum, have formed a youth mental health steering group to run a joint mental health campaign called- 'Elephant in the Room.' (EITR)

3.5 Background to campaign

EITR is informed by the NI Young People's report to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: 'Our lives in our words.' This report represented the views and experiences of 900 children and young people (aged 7-17yrs) who participated in the research on the extent to which they were enjoying their rights. Under the theme of mental health the findings showed that:

- 27% of young people reported having a mental health concern
- Most young people felt uncomfortable seeking help due to stigma
- Only a third of those who reported having a mental health concern said they received help.

3.6 In July 2016, informed by evidence in the young people's report, the UN Committee recommended that the NI Government:

'Rigorously invest in child and adolescent mental health services and develop strategies at national and devolved levels, with clear time frames, targets, measureable indicators, effective monitoring mechanisms and sufficient human, technical and financial resources...'

(UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's Concluding Observations and Recommendations to the UK Government, July 2016; 60(b))

3.7 At a follow up UNCRC youth event in City Hall organised by our YF, Children's Law Centre and NI Youth Forum, 100 young people called for the UN Committee's recommendations on mental health to be fully implemented. This event gave young people on all three forums a clear mandate from their peers for further engagement in rights based campaign work on mental health issues. Consequently, the young people from each Forum began planning a regional, youth-led mental health campaign.

Purpose of campaign

3.8 Through their work outlined above, young people found there was an urgent need to name the 'elephant in the room' when it comes to mental health, namely:

- The ongoing stigma despite years of high profile campaigns;

- Lack of knowledge about where young people access information on mental health and how reliable this information is;
- Failure to adequately fund mental health services despite evidence of how big an issue it is.

3.9 As part of their campaign young people have designed their own questionnaire for 14-17 year olds which is running from January to March 2018. They will follow up this survey with in-depth focus groups with young people in Belfast, Newry and Derry throughout March 2018. With the help of Ulster University, young people will then analyse the data and create a research report that they will launch in late June 2018. From September 2018 onwards, young people will begin to lobby decision makers on the recommendations in their report and will also run an awareness raising campaign to challenge mental health stigma.

3.10 Intended outcomes of campaign

By using the evidence gathered from their own peer research, the youth steering group are aiming to achieve the following outcomes, on behalf of all present and future generations of children and young people:

- *Change* public perceptions of mental health i.e. challenging the myths, supporting the facts and reducing the 'stigma'
- *Encourage/support* more young people to talk about mental health and by doing so increase the likelihood that they will seek help if and when they need it
- *Engage* with key decision makers at Departmental and Ministerial level on young people's recommendations for the change needed to improve mental health education programmes, young people's access to early intervention support, using evidence gathered from the survey, focus groups and conferences and the social media campaign
- *Advocate* for increased funding for CAMHs and make it more accessible to young people in line with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's 2016 recommendations to Government (see above).

3.11 As part of their mental health campaign the Youth Forum made a presentation on their work to the Belfast Safeguarding Panel in February 2018. This group includes representatives from GP services, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, Education and CAMHS as well as Council and a range of other voluntary organisations including Barnardos,

VOYPIC, NSPCC and Women's Aid. It is hoped that the findings of the mental health survey will influence the strategic direction of the work of the Safeguarding panel at a local level and help to improve young people's mental health services across the city.

3.12 Poverty Campaign

The YF launched its 'Poverty: It's not a choice' report in May 2017 and since that time the young people involved have been building allies and presenting their findings to organisations in the public, statutory and voluntary sector including to community planners at Belfast Agenda events and to the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. The YF has arranged a meeting with party leaders in City Hall on 5th March to engage with Members around the recommendations in their report and to explore ways they can work together to push these forward and have them implemented by Council.

3.13 World Aids Day

To mark World Aids Day on 29th November in City Hall the YF, in partnership with Positive Life NI, organised and ran a young people's event called 'Let's talk about HIV.' Over 80 young people attended and took part in youth-led workshops that included discussions on HIV/AIDS, safe sex and young people's views on the standard of sexual health education they receive. Young people then took part in a question and answer session with decision makers from political parties and the Northern Ireland's Children's Commissioner. Positive Life NI will use the information gathered by young people at the event to inform work on a regional sexual health strategy.

3.14 Nashville Mayors Youth Council

In November 2017, members of the YF and the Mayor's Youth Council in Nashville held a meeting via Skype. The meeting was facilitated by Council staff and Brandon Hill, who is a member of staff on the Nashville Youth Council. The meeting was very positive and the agenda (as set by the young people) included

- A summary of both Forums/Councils;
- Discussion of the work we are each currently involved in;
- Lobbying and influencing decision makers
- Representation of both groups
- Discussion on shared issues including mental health and healthcare provision, policing, youth participation, poverty and votes at 16.

3.15 The groups also discussed how they can work together in the future and have committed to having another meeting in Spring 2018 to further this.

3.16 Ur City 2 Programme 2017/18

The Ur City 2 programme involves a linked city initiative for children and young people which has been formulated and delivered in conjunction with the fourteen Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships (NRPs) in Belfast. Relatively modest amounts of funding of up to £5,000, are made available to each of the NRPs to enable them to give impetus to programmes or projects that have been identified as priorities within their action plans but for which funding is not otherwise secured. We have rolled out the 17/18 funding to all 14 NRPs and a total of £69,962 was awarded.

3.17 A summary of the current breakdown of grants follows:

Greater Shankill Partnership - £5,000

Money used to fund an education programme that will support the transition of P7 children from primary to secondary school and will then follow up with a personal development programme for these children. The programme will be delivered in partnership with Belfast Boys Model and Belfast Model School for Girls and will target children in the BT13 area working to reduce anxiety and increase their readiness to learn.

East Belfast Community Development Agency - £4,980

Money used to deliver ten developmental and outreach programmes to children and young people linked to health and well-being, promoting learning, community safety, improving the environment, children's rights, the arts, community pride and contributing to the community.

Ashton Community Trust - £5,000

Money used to deliver 9 area wide arts projects to children and young people linked to promoting young people's rights and to improving health and well-being. These arts projects will also help to increase creative skills and access to cultural activity, promoting learning, improving the image of the NRP area, the promotion of health and well-being, and the promotion of social cohesion and good relations.

St. Oliver Plunkett F.C - £5,000

Money will be used to deliver a series of community wide developmental programmes including Halloween and Christmas events, healthy living programmes, a soccer festival and the development of a community garden that will also be used as an outdoor classroom for local primary school children.

Greater Village Regeneration Trust - £5,000

Money will be used to deliver a number of community wide developmental projects to children and young people. These include health and well-being programmes (fitness classes and healthy eating) and mindfulness workshops.

Ligoniel Improvement Association - £4982

Money will be used to deliver to children and young people a variety of Halloween and Christmas themed events to promote intergenerational practice, community engagement and participation and healthy lifestyles. The projects will also tackle the isolation that children and young people from the community often feel as a result of living in an area on the outskirts of Belfast.

Upper Andersonstown Community Forum - £5,000

Money will be used to deliver a range of activities linked to promoting health and well-being, and emotional resilience including boxing programme for boys and girls, a 'Cook It' programme in primary schools, swimming lessons, a couch to 5k programme and a music programme.

Upper Springfield Resource Centre - £5,000

Money will be used to deliver to children and young people a variety of Summer, Halloween and Christmas themed events to promote intergenerational practice, community engagement and participation, healthy lifestyles, and building civic pride and to combat social deprivation and isolation.

Blackie River Community Group- £5,000

The money will be used to fund a literacy programme for newcomer children for whom English is a second language as well as nursery school children at the early stages of reading. The money will also be used to fund after schools sports coaching for primary school children in order to

reduce health inequalities and improve the physical, mental and emotional health of children.

Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group- £5,000

The money will be used to complete a youth led audit of existing youth services in the NRP area and to create a Youth Action plan and a framework for the establishment of an inner south youth forum.

Ardoyne Youth Enterprises- £5,000

The money will be used to fund a cross community Valentine's Day themed event that young people will plan and deliver in partnership with each other. Ten young people will also be trained in digital camera skills to film the event and edit and produce a film.

Benview Community Centre- £5,000

The money will be used to fund five youth development programmes in the area linked to promoting self-awareness, identity, reaching full potential, being healthy and skills and knowledge development.

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership- £5,000

The money will be used to deliver a cross community music programme called 'Crescendo' in two primary schools. The programme will be run in partnership with the Ulster Orchestra and will help promote community cohesion, community engagement and participation, healthy lifestyles, and building civic pride.

Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Collective- £5,000

The money will be used to deliver to children and young people a variety of Halloween and Christmas themed events, a youth engagement programme for young people currently not engaged in youth provision and a young people's community newsletter that will all help promote active citizenship, learning, achieving and contributing positively to the community.

Applications for the 2018 Ur City 2 monies are expected to open in June 2018.

Financial & Resource Implications

There are no resource implications at this time.

Equality or Good Relations Implications

There are no equality or good relations implications to consider at this time.”

The Committee adopted the recommendation.

Request for use of facilities - Cherryvale Playing Fields

The Assistant Director advised that in 2006 a Belfast City Council Gaelic Football Team had been formed. The team had competed in inter firm leagues from 2006 to 2010 which had included representation from other organisations such as the PSNI, City Bank, Northern Ireland Water and the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service. Its greatest success came in 2010 when they won the Ulster section of the competition and were narrowly defeated in the all-Ireland semi-final.

The officer reported that, due to a number of factors, the team had not competed in the competition since 2010. She detailed that, unfortunately, a former member of staff who was one of the founder members of the team was now ill and a reunion match had been organised to raise funds for the Northern Ireland Hospice.

The Committee granted permission for free use of pitch 3 and the changing rooms at the Cherryvale Playing Fields to host a charity reunion Gaelic football match in aid of the NI Hospice on Friday, 23rd March.

Everybody Active 2020 Strand 1

The Committee considered the following report:

“1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues

1.1 To advise Committee of extended support for delivery of the participation strand of Sport NI’s investment programme called Everybody Active 2020 Strand 1 (EBA2020) into Year 3.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to:

- **Agree to the continuation of the delivery of the Everybody Active 2020 Strand 1 programme to 31 March 2020 in partnership with our delivery partners, subject to funding being approved for release from Sport NI.**
- **To agree to some additional programming to be coordinated by Council officers (Programme Manager and Coordinator) where there is identified any potential underspend in budget or underperformance against any of the KPIs by our delivery Partners.**

3.0 Main report

3.1 Sport NI programme

Sport NI commissioned Belfast City Council, along with other Council areas, to deliver the participation strand of Everybody 2020. The aim of the programme is to increase quality opportunities for targeted groups to develop and sustain participation in sport across key life-course transitions.

3.2 Belfast’s programme has specific targets which identify women and girls, people with a disability and people living in areas of high social need as priority. Participation evidence highlights disparities and inequalities within those sectors. Committee authorised officers to develop and commission a blend of providers through a public process to deliver Belfast’s Everybody Active 2020 targets. Officers have once again commissioned a diverse range of partners with consideration to developing programmes which prioritise participation for women/girls in the 14-25 age group, during which drop off levels are greatest.

3.3 Participation Targets 2018 – 2019

AREA	Total participants	women/girls	People with a disability	high social need	Sustained participants
Belfast	22,512	13,057	3,827	7,654	6,979

3.4 Programme delivery will be linked to other investments including workforce development, outdoor recreation infrastructure, small grants and Peace IV to improve the outcomes from EBA2020.

3.5 Sport NI has recently indicated a budget of £468,074 for delivery of EBA2020 in Belfast for Year 3 (2018/19). We expect to receive our letter of offer by mid-March 2018.

Partner Organisation	Main Target Group
Ulster Rugby-Disability Participation	Disability
Ulster Rugby-Female Participation	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Colin Glen Trust	Areas of High Social Need - Disability

Irish Football Association	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Ulster Branch Tennis Ireland	Women and Girls - Disability Inclusion
Ulster Squash	Women and Girls
Athletics Northern Ireland	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need - Disability Inclusion
Live Active/Disability Sport Northern Ireland (North and West)	Disability - Areas of High Social Need
Live Active/Disability Sport Northern Ireland (South and East)	Disability - Areas of High Social Need
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Netball Northern Ireland	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Basketball Northern Ireland	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Irish Bowls Federation	Women and Girls – Areas of High Social Need
Ulster Badminton	Women and Girls - Areas of High Social Need
Disability Sport NI- Girdwood Sports Hub	Disability - Areas of High Social Need

3.6 Current position

EBA2020 Strand 1 provides Council with a resource to support the physical activity and health outcomes throughout the City and within the Belfast Agenda framework.

3.7 Financial & Resource Implications

Sport NI has recently given an indicative budget of £468,074 for delivery of EBA2020 Strand 1 in Belfast for Year 3 (2018/2019).

3.8 Equality or Good Relations Implications

The programme is an opportunity for the Council to deliver against its equality and good relations objectives. These would be integrated into the performance frameworks for providers.”

The Committee adopted the recommendations.

Tri-Cities Golf Event

The Director reported that since 2002, the cities of Edinburgh, Dublin and Belfast had participated in the annual Tri-Cities Golf Event. He advised that this event rotated round each of the three cities on an annual basis and the 2018 event was scheduled to be held in Belfast.

The Committee noted that the event was a golf competition between Elected Members and senior officers from each of the Councils. The teams would all travel at their own expense and would meet their own accommodation costs. No subsequent allowance or expenses of any kind would be paid to any of the participants.

The Director outlined that each year the host city met the cost of green fees for the visitors and also provided prizes and a meal in the clubhouse following the competition. The first day of the event would be held at Malone Golf Club and the second day would take place in Dunmurry Golf Club.

The Committee agreed to host the Tri-Cities Golf Event in Belfast from 30th – 31st August and to meet the costs of the green fees, prizes and a meal in the clubhouse, estimated to be in the region of £6,000.

Chairperson