

## SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY 9th MAY, 2022

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

Members present: Councillors Kyle, Lyons, O'Hara and McMullan.

External Members: Ms. B. Arthurs, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Miss. G. Duggan, Belfast City Centre Management;  
Superintendent Ford, PSNI;  
Mr. A. Hannaway, NIHE;  
Ms. J. Irwin, Community Relations Council;  
Mr. M. McBride, Education Authority;  
Ms. A. Roberts, Community and Voluntary Sector;  
Ms. A. Tohill, Good Relations, TEO; and  
Ms. A. M. White, British Red Cross.

In attendance: Ms. N. Lane, Good Relations Manager;  
Mr. S. Lavery, Programme Manager;  
Ms. D. McKinney, PEACE IV Programme Manager;  
Mrs. V. Smyth, Democratic Services Officer; and  
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for inability to attend were reported on behalf of Councillor Carson and also from Mr. J. Donnelly, Ms. K. Jardine, Mr. M. O'Donnell and Mr. P. Mackel.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 11th April 2022 were taken as read and signed as correct.

The Partnership noted that Ms. Tohill had declared an interest at the meeting regarding the District Council Good Relations Programme and in the Peace IV update reports 3(a) to 3 (d) in that she sat on the SEUPB PEACE IV Steering Group Committee. The representative asked that it be further noted that, as the accountable Department, her declaration had also referred to the fact that The Executive Office had committed funding towards the Peace IV Programme -and to the District Council Good Relations Programme. Therefore, she would not be in a position to approve amendments to projects that would subsequently be submitted to The Executive Office by SEUPB (for Peace IV projects) or by BCC (for amendments to the DCGRP).

#### **Declarations of Interest**

- Ms. A. Tohill declared an interest in the District Council Good Relations Programme and in the Peace IV update reports 2 (a) to 2 (d) in that she sat on the SEUPB PEACE IV Steering Group Committee and that, as the accountable Department, The Executive Office had committed funding towards the Peace IV Programme and to the District Council Good Relations Programme.

Therefore, she would not be in a position to approve amendments to projects that would subsequently be submitted to The Executive Office by SEUPB (for Peace IV projects) or by BCC (for amendments to the DCGRP); and

- Mrs. B. Arthurs declared an interest in item 2 (d), namely, Peace IV Updates – update on BPR Theme. This included the Transformative Leadership Programme and the Roma Project in that she was an employee of the Forward South Partnership, which acts as the delivery agent for the projects.

## **PEACE IV UPDATES**

### **Secretariat Update**

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

The Programme Manager referred to the thematic reports which outlined project implementation, activity, and modifications which would enable the achievement of targets to continue to progress. In addition, the officer advised the Members that the closure of CYP2, CYP3 Personal Change, and BPR4 Belfast and the World, and final payments to delivery partners was currently being progressed.

The Members noted that discussions and budget revisions on the submitted business case were ongoing. The Programme Manager advised the Members that a meeting to review the modifications with the SEUPB had taken place on 5th May 2022. The officer reported that the SEUPB had advised that the business case would not be considered by the Steering Committee in May 2022 and would either be considered by the June committee or via written procedure. As such, approval was not expected until late June 2022. The Officer continued that, in order to enable the ongoing delivery of activity, individual project modifications, which formed part of the business case, were being progressed for approval by the SEUPB as necessary.

The Programme Manager then provided an update in regard to the workplan. She advised that the workshop focusing on Life Beyond the Walls with Jonny Byrne in the Spectrum Centre had been rescheduled to 11th May 2022. Also, planning for the next culture café to celebrate the African and Caribbean cultures was underway with the virtual event scheduled for 25th May to coincide with Africa Day.

The Programme Manager reported that the appointment of a further Project Development Officer via reserve candidates was in the final stages, with the new staff member expected to commence in June 2022. As previously advised, the officer highlighted that whilst staff vacancies were reducing, pressures still continued due to the increase in project activity as well as the period of familiarisation required for newly appointed staff.

The Members noted that, as previously reported, the total spend of the programme up to Period 29 was £6.2m. Claims reimbursed up to Period 26 (up to April 2021) total £4.78m and the verification of claims for Periods 27-29 (May 2021 – January 2022) with a combined value of £1.4m remaining outstanding. A revised status update and timeframe for reimbursement had been discussed with the SEUPB and verification of £731k had been progressed in recent days.

The Members were also asked to note that preparation for submission of the claim for Period 30 (February – April 2022) was underway. The officer reminded the Members that, although the estimated claim value was approximately £972,355, this included approximately £327K associated with the Period 29 expenditure for the SSS Capital Works.

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

### **Children and Young People (CYP) Update**

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

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

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

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

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

##### **CYP 1 – GIGA**

to realign participant numbers between Lots 1 and 2 with Lot 1 (age 6-11) increasing by 80 participants and Lot 2 (age 12-16) reducing by 80 participants.

##### **CYP 3 – OTRT**

to extend participation in the project to young people/individual not involved or registered with an affiliated sports club.

##### **CYP 5 – NIHE**

to include a Resource Allocation approach for both CYP and BPR projects, subject to SEUPB approval and to extend delivery of the project to December 2022.

#### **3.0 Main report**

##### **Project Updates**

#### **3.1 CYP 1 – TECH CONNECTS, GIGA Training (Afterschool’s and Digital Arts Academies: Tech Camps) (6-11, 12-16 yr. olds)**

Technology Easter camps were completed 18 - 22 April 2022, with over 80 young people achieving full completion of 26 cross community hours.

Recent approval by the Programme Board to extend the programme from May 2022 to September 2022 has enabled a review and planning of activity. Summer programmes will be

commencing June and July, with promotion of the activity and registration being circulated via social media platforms. All programmes are being held face to face with Girdwood and Avoniel as potential venues, subject to availability.

Members are requested to note and agree a request to realign 80 participants from Lot 2 to Lot 1, which will increase the target for 6–11-year-olds to 479 and reduce the target for Lot 2 to 380. To accelerate approvals, this request has been approved by the Programme Board and agreed by SEUPB. *It should be noted that both Lots are under the same work package and there is no change to the overall outputs.*

Members should also note the approval to extend the Virtual Reality Sessions to the end of the programme has also been agreed by SEUPB.

Age Group	Target	YTD Date	(All contracts end September 22)
6-11 Year Olds:	479	268	131 Remaining
12-16 Year Olds:	380	207	253 Remaining
<b>Total</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>384 Remaining</b>

### 3.2 CYP 1 – TECH CONNECTS, Belfast Metropolitan College (Digital Insights Programme) (17-24 yr. olds)

To date the delivery agent has progressed with 6 cohorts and achieved 66 participants. Recruitment and delivery of sessions is progressing with two further cohorts to increase participant numbers. Belfast Metropolitan College has submitted an updated implementation plan and has also given their assurance to fully deliver targets in the contract.

Members are requested to note that programme delivery has been extended from May to September 2022.

<b>Total</b>	<b>66 from a target of 160</b>	<b>94 remaining (contract ends September 22)</b>
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### 3.3 CYP 2 – Playing our Part in the City

Active Communities Network has submitted the final project closure report which is being reviewed by the Secretariat. It is anticipated that final closure and payment will be progressed by mid May 2022.

<b>Total</b>	<b>610 young people from a target of 640</b> <b>123 Parents from a target of 100</b>	<b>Progressing to Closure</b>
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### 3.4 CYP3 – On the Right Track – Sports and Personal Change elements

Members are requested to note that a request to permit individuals not linked to a recognised sports club to take part has been approved by the PEACE IV Programme Board and agreed by SEUPB. This approach will enable young people to complete an OCN and potentially join a sports club in the future.

The next intake for completion of OCN Level 1 in Equality, Inclusion and Diversity delivery is planned to take place at Solitude on Sunday 01 May 2022. This will include over 50 young people and coaches from Cliftonville FC, paired with Springfield Star. This will increase the participant number to over 700 to date.

The lead officer is also progressing with residential delivery and planning of joint sports sessions has recommenced.

*Members are requested to note a modification agreed by the Programme Board to permit individuals who are not linked to associated sports clubs to take part in the project. The current contract criteria states that participants must be registered with a sports club linked to a recognised sporting body. This approach will enable young people to participate, complete a qualification related to sports, and increase their confidence to join a local sports club in the future. This modification will also aid recruitment for this high-risk programme.*

Total	645 from a target of 1800	1155 remaining (contract ends September 22)
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### 3.5 Personal Change – Delivered by Extern

Extern is currently compiling the final report and monitoring information for submission to the Secretariat. This will be subject to review by the Project and Programme Managers.

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

A young people's conference took place at the MAC Belfast on 23 April 2022 to mark the project closure. The event focussed on showcasing the good practice campaigns developed by the young people as part of the project and discussions through advocacy workshops. A supporting press release was issued following the event to mark the closure of the programme.

The delivery agent is currently compiling monitoring and evaluation data and supporting evidence to confirm achievement of targets.

A detailed review will be conducted by the Thematic Manager and the Secretariat prior to the issue of final payment.

Total	81 from a target of 80	0 remaining – Progressing to closure
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### 3.7 CYP 5 – NIHE Local Area Network Partner Delivery

NIHE has submitted an updated procurement plan to aid delivery and increase hours for current participants. A quotation specification for OCN Level 1 in Peer Mentoring has been submitted to SEUPB for approval. Planning for day trips, cultural events, and additional sessions to increase contact hours for participants is progressing. This activity should increase participation in the project, although limited additional recruitment has taken place within this period.

Members are requested to note that a Resource Allocation to address recruitment challenges for both the CYP5 and BPR1 projects has been proposed by NIHE. Members are requested to agree this approach, subject to approval by SEUPB.

Documentation to adopt a Resource Allocation approach has been submitted to SEUPB for consideration and approval.

Members should also note that a request to extend delivery of both NIHE projects to December 2022 has also been submitted by NIHE. Within the current Letters of Offer, this request cannot be facilitated. However, it is proposed that members agree the extension in principle subject to an extended Letter of Offer, which has been requested as part of the business case.

Members are reminded of the high risk associated with the project. By way of risk management, the PEACE IV Project Manager meets monthly with the NIHE Programme Manager, and both the PEACE IV and Programme Managers meet monthly with senior management from NIHE to discuss operational issues.

Total	143 from a target of 900	757 remaining (Contract ends September 22)
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### 3.8 Financial and Resource Implications

The financial position for the CYP theme is as previously reported with expenditure to date totalling £1.66m with reimbursement of claims up to Period 26, totalling £1.29m. Claims for Period 27-29 valued at £370K remain outstanding and yet to be verified by SEUPB.

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

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

The Partnership recommends to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it agree the following modifications:

- CYP 1 – GIGA  
To realign participant numbers between Lots 1 and 2 with Lot 1 (age 6-11) increasing by 80 participants and Lot 2 (age 12-16) reducing by 80 participants;
- CYP 3 – OTRT  
To extend participation in the project to young people/individual not involved or registered with an affiliated sports club; and
- CYP 5 – NIHE  
To include a Resource Allocation approach for both CYP and BPR projects, subject to the approval of the SEUPB and agreed in principle to extend delivery of the project to December 2022 subject to extended Letters of Offer from SEUPB.

### **Shared Spaces and Services (SSS) Update**

The Programme Manager provided an update on the progress made to date in respect of the SSS theme, within the Peace IV Local Action Plan. She advised that implementation of the Shared Space and Services theme was progressing and drew the Members' attention to the risks associated with delivery which had been attached as an appendix.

She then referred specifically to the Capital Works at the Forth Meadow Community Greenway.

**PEACE IV Network Scheme – Capital Works** – The Members were advised that works in Section 1 were completing with the installation of seats, “bat friendly” lights and signage.

The Members were reminded that construction in Section 2 was paused pending the outcome of the Judicial Review hearing scheduled for 14th June 2022. The Director of Physical Programmes had advised that a meeting had taken place on 5th May to discuss the situation and next steps.

As previously reported construction works at Section 3 (Whiterock and Falls) and Section 4 (Bog Meadows) was ongoing and remained on schedule for completion in June and September 2022 respectively.

The assessment process of public artworks was reaching its final stages and the SEUPB approval to the award the artist contract had been provided. The contract award was progressing after which community engagement and the submission of planning applications would be progressed.

It was anticipated that planning applications for the artworks would be submitted by early May 2022 with works commencing on the different sites in September 2022. The Members noted that a possible extension of the works into 2023 may be necessary.

- **Programming**

Implementation of the programming aspects were progressing.

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

<b>Deliverable targets</b>	<b>Targets achieved</b>
300 individuals	79 engaged to date

Engagement with groups was ongoing, with participation of local primary schools and the inclusion of local post primary schools being explored.

The installation of signage at Section 1 which includes the agreed narratives was progressing.

The Members were asked to note, and agree a request, for a three-month extension of the Mediation NI contract until 30th September 2022, to enable delivery and achievement of targets. The extension would be met within the current contract value.

- **Shared Space Volunteer Training**

<b>Deliverable targets</b>	<b>Targets achieved</b>
<i>Sustrans</i>	
30 volunteers (15 Walk & 15 Cycle Leads)	27 recruited across 3 groups
<i>Volunteer Now Enterprise</i>	
15 volunteers (Local Ambassadors)	14 recruited
<i>The Conservation Volunteers</i>	
15 volunteers (Nature Guides)	7 recruited

The Members were asked to note that the current cohorts of Walk and Cycle Lead volunteers had merged to create a larger group of 17 to maximise the learning, train together and build relationships across the volunteer base.

The Conservation Volunteers had received seven expressions of interest to participate in the project and were completing registration documentation, ahead of starting training in May 2022.

To help enable the achievement of target participants, the Members were asked to approve an extension of all four volunteer training projects to September 2022. The extension would be met within the current contract value without any additional funding.

- **Dialogue and Engagement Project**

The Members were advised that a review of the recommendations from the Phase II Dialogue and Engagement report that focused on young people, residents and BAME

groups would be conducted on a quarterly basis. The review which was due in June 2022 would be followed by an update report to the Members.

- **Governance / Management Model**

A community engagement workshop was facilitated on 27th April 2022, in the Innovation Factory, to further consider and discuss the suggested governance model/s.

Over 30 key community stakeholders had participated in the discussions. Viatac would provide a report on evaluation, outcomes and the next steps from the workshop.

- **Youth Engagement and Civic Education**

<b>Deliverable targets</b>	<b>Targets achieved</b>
400 young people	Commitment from 120+ young people.

The delivery partner continued to network with local youth organisations with commitment to participate in the project from 120+ young people. Monitoring information had been requested for review and was currently being followed up.

Youth Link NI participated in the Governance model discussion on 27 April, providing input from a young person / youth sector perspective.

- **SSS Activities and Animation Programme**

<b>Deliverable targets</b>	<b>Targets achieved</b>
- 20 cross community activities/events, (to an audience of a minimum of 1200 attendees)	3 cross community activities / events to an audience of approximately 1000+ people
- 4 Public spectacle events (150 people at each) – 2 in Springfield Park	- “Luminate” event in Springfield Park – approx. 1500 people
- 6 Medium sized creative animation activities / events (50-100 people at each).	- “River Clean event” – approx. 100 people
- 10 small community focused activities / events (30 to 50 people at each)	- “Sunflower Festival” – approx. 50 people

The second largest public spectacle event, a “Swamp Festival” in Section 4 (Bog Meadows) was scheduled for 14th May 2022. Local communities had been prioritised and offered early booking to attend prior to public advertisement.

The Peace IV team and Arts Ekta continued to review and agree the events calendar, ensuring that all communities along the Forth Meadow Community Greenway were included and made aware of the up-coming events / activities.

Arts Ekta had actively participated in the Governance Models discussions on 27th April.

As the Members were aware, a Resource Allocation element offering funding support of up to £6,000 per site for community led activity was available to animate the space.

As two sections of the Greenway were completed, Springfield Park and Glencairn, planning was underway to commence the RA process. The RA documentation was currently with the SEUPB for review and approval. It was intended that on approval from the SEUPB, a call for applications for activities on the two sites referred above would be opened, with supported activities / events delivered by September / October 2022.

The Members noted that the position on claims was as previously reported with project expenditure totalling £1,639,342. Reimbursement of claims for Period 27-29 totaling £257K remained outstanding.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree to a three-month extension, until 30th September 2022 for the Mediation NI contract; and to extend all four volunteer projects (Sustrans, Volunteer Now and The Conservation Volunteers) to 30th September 2022.

### **Building Positive Relations (BPR) Update**

The Partnership considered the undernoted report:

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

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

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

**The Partnership is requested to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that they note the contents of the report and related appendices and agree:**

- **BPR1 - Cross Community Networks**  
a modification request from South West CCAN to hold an overnight residential in NI as part of BPR1 Stage 3 Programme Activity for participants.
- **BPR3 - Transform for Change-NICVA**
  - to amalgamate the Resource Allocation for 2 projects from the Village/Westlink areas to build on their concept for Shared past Shared Future.
  - to delegate authority to the BPR Chair and the PIV Programme Manager to consider requests to amalgamate resource allocations for urgent future projects.
- **BPR6 - St Comgalls**  
in principle, to extend the project to 31 August 2022, subject to submission of a formal request.

### **3.0 Main report**

#### **Key Issues**

Project activity is continuing with most projects now delivering on a face-to-face basis, although members should note that Covid 19 impacts continue to affect participation due to absence due to illness/isolation. The status and risk associated with projects is outlined in Appendix I RAG report.

### **3.1 BPR1 – Cross Community Area Networks (CCAN)**

Participation in the project is gradually increasing, with participant numbers at 109/900 and engagement hours increasing between 20-80 hours from the required 200 hours. Condensing delivery to enable achievement of targets is now a priority.

Members are requested to note and agree a project modification to condense delivery for the South West CCAN (14 participants) via residential activity in NI, to increase delivery hours for the Good Relations element of the projects for a total of 13 cross-community contact hours. To accelerate approvals, the request was progressed and approved by SEUPB.

Monitoring information is being closely reviewed with further access to SharePoint provided to all key NIHE staff to enable new registrations and attendance trackers to be updated.

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

Delivery of activity with established Creative Clusters is progressing. Rosario has confirmed participation in joining with Albert Foundry for the Football Cluster and dates for activity sessions to commence throughout May have been confirmed. Approximately 30 participants have expressed interest which should provide a strong creative cluster.

Monitoring information for the Carlisle group together with some participant registrations for other cluster groups is outstanding and the project is continuing to pursue this information.

Internal recruitment for a new lead Project Officer is currently underway. The newly appointed Culture Manager has been contacted to provide further assurances on delivery of the project.

Members should note that for BPR2 6 of 8 cluster groups have been achieved, with 92/264 participants registered.

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

#### **Transformative Leadership Programme**

**Project activity is ongoing, and the PEACE IV team continue to be actively involved in the facilitation of project development meetings to progress Action Plans.**

**Progressing the Resource Allocation Agreement for the Project Action Plan for the North Belfast Cluster through Cliftonville Parent Teachers Association has been paused due to personal matters and will be closely monitored and progressed when the timing is appropriate.**

**An artist has been appointed to work in collaboration with the participants and the lead organisation, Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project, to reimagine the ‘Black Gates’ at Suffolk/Lenadoon. The lead organisation has raised concerns regarding their lack of involvement in the procurement process and steps to address the issues are progressing.**

**A further action plan from a North Cluster, with a group named ‘Dam Proud’ is proposing activity to include a Cultural Picnic in Ligoniel Park. Permissions for the activity are currently being considered after which a full review of the Action Plan and necessary approvals will be progressed.**

**Cluster groups in West Belfast are proposing to amalgamate the Resource Allocation (RA) award (£4K x 2) from previous clusters to deliver 2 projects from the Village/Westlink areas. The proposed Action Plan projects will focus on a ‘Shared Past Shared Futures’ project, the concept is to provide a variety of intergenerational activities spanning ages from 8-80yrs working with a wide array of community organisations and stakeholders.**

**Members are requested to agree the amalgamation of the RA awards, and also to delegate authority to the BPR Chair and the PIV Programme Manager to consider requests to amalgamate resource allocations for urgent future projects with a further report to members.**

**NICVA has provided details of staffing contingencies to ensure continued delivery of the programme, following the resignation of the Coordinator, assurances have been provided and an outline for delivery has been received.**

**Achievement of targets to date show 37/45 courses completed with 2 live and 5 due to commence to bring an anticipated completed figure of 44/45 courses. The current collective participant numbers show 492 have completed to date.**

### **3.4 BPR4 – Belfast and the World (BATW)**

The delivery partner is progressing final elements of the project, to include a closure event scheduled for the 30 April 2022 at the Clayton Hotel Belfast. The event will also encompass a Civic Play on Partition and representatives from Council and PEACE IV are attending the event.

Figures to date indicate that over 170 participants will complete the programme with 26 hours of engagement each.

Officers are liaising with Corrymeela on the facilitation element of the study visits, residentials and day activities. Dates are provisionally planned in June and August for visits to Cork and Dublin. The new project support officer is working to progress participant engagement and registration for these visits.

Members are advised the current Belfast and the World programme will end in April 2022 and options for the facilitation element is currently being explored with Corrymeela and will be subject to SEUPB approval.

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

The LINCS Symposium is scheduled for the 6 May and is to be held at Belfast Castle. It is anticipated that there will be representation from the neighbourhood participation forums across Belfast, key stakeholders and United Voices will present on evaluation of the programme and activities to date.

The Leadership programme continues to have a strong group of regular attendees, 7 have fully committed, work is ongoing to achieve 3 more attending regularly to reach target of 10 completers.

Numbers remain as noted, 67 completers from a target figure of 96 with further completers anticipated by the end of a May as activity and sessions increase across the forums.

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

A successful community engagement event involving the Traveller and settled communities, took place on 20 April in Whiterock Leisure Centre with over 50 attendees. The Traveller Project Officer coordinated activities and has recorded very positive feedback on building relations from all involved.

The Empowering Young Women workshop programme and exhibition has been awarded to the Falls Women Centre and plans are progressing to commence activity early May.

The quotation for the Produce Garden Workshop was released on the 4th April with nil submissions received. Feedback from those

who had expressed interest in the contract is being explored and will determine the next steps for this project element.

The Health & Wellbeing workshop quotation has been submitted to SEUPB for approval, and it is anticipated it will be issued on the 3rd May 2022. The scoping exercises indicate interest from existing partners and further organisations.

The Traveller Project objective of holding 4 engagement programmes, each with 10 participants, achieving 26 hours of activity via workshops and exhibition is progressing. Current achievement is one programme complete with 10 participants reaching target engagement hours and one programme underway.

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

Capacity building sessions through the Roma Support Hub are ongoing and advice provision is continuing.

The delivery partner has appointed GEMS to deliver the Advocacy training and the programme outlined and schedule for delivery is being confirmed.

Forward South has highlighted concerns in recruitment as the Roma community tend to return to Romania over the summer months. The partner will work with GEMS to mitigate and manage the project to enable delivery is achieved by project end Sept 2022.

The Advice Training Course has confirmed 6 registered participants although monitoring information is to be submitted to the Secretariat to confirm this.

The provision of English Classes in both East and South of the city are progressing well. Updated attendance trackers have been provided which indicate continued uptake in activity and engagement.

An intercultural event at QFT took place in April, which was well attended with a fantastic atmosphere. Comms activity captured the positive event and interviewed the project coordinator.

Targets met to date include 6 participants registered for Advice Level 3 Training classes – 12 participants from both the current Hub attendees and a mixture of new participants will achieve the 28hrs of engagement and complete the English classes.

### **3.8 BPR6 – St. Comgalls**

Project activity is continuing with workshops, seminars and networking events for youth and adult cohorts taking place.

The delivery partner has indicated that an extension until end August will be required due to the rescheduling of adult workshops, which then impacts other planned activity.

As such members are requested to agree in principle an extension to the project to 31 August 2022, subject to formal extension request submission.

The project has advised of delays with the handover of the St Comgalls building and a revised timeframe for this being explored.

### **3.9 Cinematography Project**

Morrow Communications continue with the filming of project activity as opportunities arise.

The short story films celebrating the participants journey and highlighting the project impacts have been compiled for CYP4 Young Advocates and BPR4 Belfast and the World. The short stories were showcased at project closure events held in late April.

Recent filming captured activity for the BPR1 NIHE and Roma projects. Filming of activity of CYP5 NIHE is outstanding, and discussion are underway with NIHE to identify suitable opportunities. All other projects have captured a range of activity providing good coverage.

A review of footage for all projects is progressing and it may be necessary to capture further footage for CYP3 OTRT project. Members should note that this may require a contract modification to the Morrow contract and officer can update on this in due course.

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

The financial position is as previously reported, with total spend of approximately £2.6m with £1.8m having been reimbursed to Council. The verification of claims by SEUPB for Periods 27-29 with a combined valued of £796K remains outstanding. SEUPB has been requested to provide an update on claims reimbursement.

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

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

The Programme Manager highlighted a further request from BPR1 NIHE to uplift the placeshaping contract with Parkhood by £7,500 to enable concept designs for a redesign of a Peace Wall working with the West Belfast Network. The Members were advised that the work aligns the current place shaping elements and the designs would be considered by the local community. It was noted that approval would be subject to SEUPB approval.

The Partnership recommended to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that it adopts the recommendations as outlined at section 2.0 of the report and agrees to increasing the Peace IV NIHE contract with Park Hood by £7.5k to enable concept drawings on the redesign of a Peace Wall to be compiled.

### **Events Update**

The Good Relations Manager advised the Members of the following events which they were welcome to attend:

**Event:** Schools Shared Education Programme Showcase and Celebration Event

**Date:** 13th June 2022 at City Hall

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Format:** In person event with participating schools and funders

**Registration:** This event was not open to the public

The Good Relations Manager advised that the Climate and Peace Building Conference would now take place in September rather than on 2nd July as outlined in the papers and that the new date would be circulated to Members once it was confirmed.

The Good Relations Manager advised that events were planned to mark Refugee Week commencing 20th June and that details of these events would be e-mailed directly to the Members in due course.

The Members were advised to contact the officer responsible for the event should they require any additional information.

The Good Relations Manager also asked Members to note that the Council had received a Letter of Offer from The Executive Office towards the 22/23 Good Relations Action Plan in the amount of £568,938.27.

Noted.

## **SHARED CITY PARTNERSHIP - PEACE PLUS**

### **PEACEPLUS Local Community PEACE Action Plan UPDATE**

#### **Blu Zebra and Locus Management Presentation on PEACE PLUS**

##### **1.1 Co-Designed Local Community PEACE Action Plans**

The Chairperson welcomed Ms. T. Hogg, Blu Zebra, Ms. B. Enslin, Blu Zebra and Mr. C. Boylan, Locus Management to the meeting

The Programme Manager gave a brief summary of work undertaken to date in advance of a call from SEUPB relating to the Local Community Peace Action.

Blu Zebra and Locus Management, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, then provided the Members with an overview of the PEACE PLUS Programme and the €1.14bn investment in the social, economic and environmental development of Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. The representatives described the Programme that comprised 6 themes and encompassed 21 individual investment areas of which Investment Area 1.1 Co-designed Local Community PEACEPLUS Action Plans had been allocated €110m. They then

proceeded to provide the Partnership with further information in relation to the Local Authority PEACE PLUS Action Model and the 4 pillars contained within the Governance structure. The Partnership noted the suggested draft principles for the co-design process and noted the indicative timeline and next steps.

Following a query from a Member, the Good Relations Manager confirmed that an evaluation of the Peace IV Programme, in terms of learning, would be incorporated into shaping the design of the new Peace Plus Programme. She added that consideration also needed to be given as to how duplication and competition with other regional models could be avoided going forward.

A Member referred to the co-design process, the role of communities and how this process could be better aligned in terms of Community Planning and the measurement of outcomes.

Ms. Hogg advised that the issues associated with the alignment and measurement of outcomes had already been highlighted to the SEUPB and would be further considered going forward.

The Peace IV Programme Manager also highlighted the need for the SEUPB to have consistency in their terms and conditions across the various programmes.

The Good Relations Manager advised that the Council was due to undertake a Good Relations Audit to cover the 2023/24 - 2026/27 DCGRP Action Plans. She reported that consideration would be given as to how this work could be aligned with the work that needed to be undertaken relating to the Local Peace Plan.

In relation to the indicative timeline, it would also be necessary to take account of governance arrangements and the time required to progress approval for the Plan through both the Shared City Partnership and the Council.

The Shared City Partnership agreed to hold a workshop to consider the shaping of the design of the new Peace Plus Programme and noted that officers would be in contact with proposed dates in due course. The Partnership also agreed that officers proceed with organising area information sessions with the consultant's consortium to update stakeholders on the emerging work with regards to PEACEPLUS Local Community PEACE Action Plans.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives from Blu Zebra and Locus Management for the presentation and they left the meeting.

Chairperson